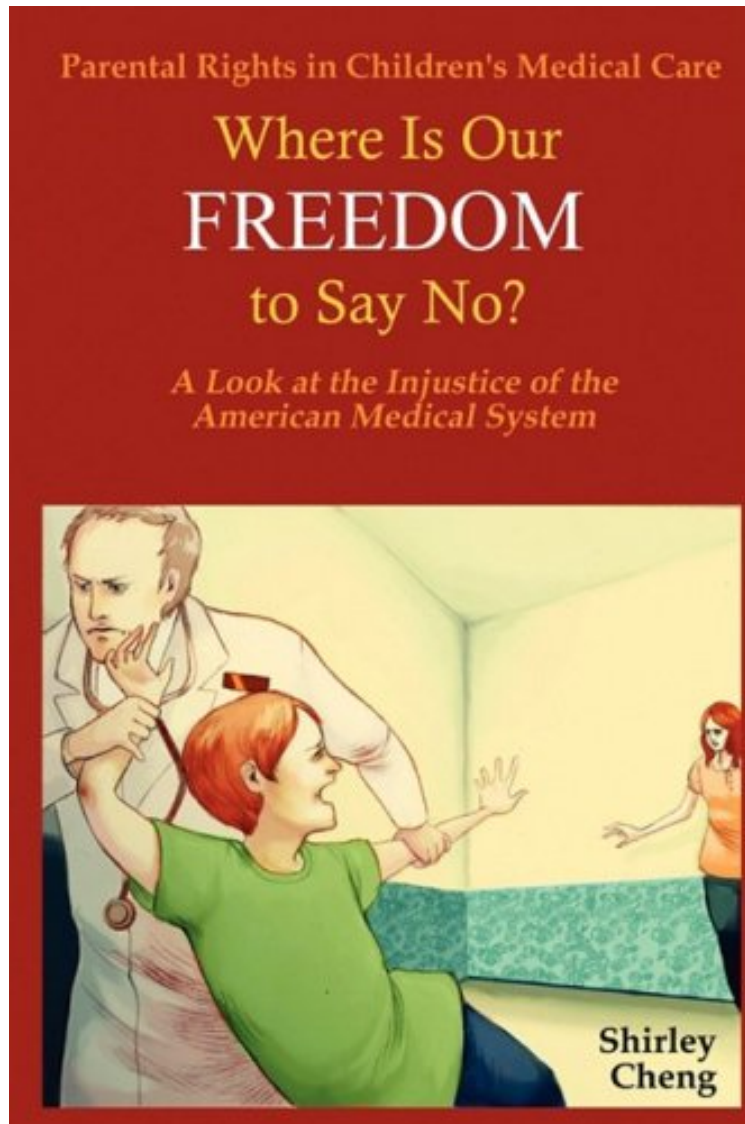


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## Injustice of the American Medical System:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Young Woman's Passion For Freedom By C. F. Kennison At a time when basic parental rights are taken from Americans in a round-about way, a passionate young woman fights for our freedoms. In her book, *Parental Rights in Children's Medical Care. Where is Our Freedom to Say No?* Cheng shares the offences she and her mother endured for years. She explains how her mother's right to decide what was best for her baby, and later child, was not allowed. Since Cheng's mother disagreed with doctor's advice, they took Shirley away from her. Even the courts did not see a mother's right to protect her child. Cheng's book offers stories from others that the system damaged. These are recent and true custody cases. As a result, Cheng asks why? Why are people guilty until proven innocent? Why don't parents have the right to decide, to say no to doctors? Why are people guilty until proven innocent? This is an especially good question because this is America. Cheng also explores reasoning with the heart, the question of whether doctors really do know best, the law of common sense and compassion, and laws verses people. Cheng wants America to wake up and realize what is going on. Then, she wants us to do something about it. She adds her suggested law: "Shirley's Law" and offers what parents need to do if this offense happens to them. Notice she says "when" and not "if." In the end, she explains the objective to her argument and counters, offers her petition to parents who also want to say "No" and talks about what the public thinks. Polls at her web-site: \* Who Should Make the Decision? \* Should Parents Have the Right to Disagree with Doctors? (92% of voters said "yes." This is the fourth non-fiction book of Cheng's I've read. I've also read an essay of hers in an anthology, *101 Great Ways to Improve Your Life*. All have taught me about this courageous young woman's experiences, battles, philosophy, and incredible outlook on life. She looks on the bright side of life, yet does not want others to suffer what she went through. A noble writer and fighter for freedom - a natural right of Americans, right? Readers will not be the same after reading Cheng's passionate words.

What is a more frightening nightmare for parents than their children's illness? It is the fear of losing custody of their children. In America, parents risk losing custody of their children forever when they disagree with doctors' recommended treatments or even when they want a second opinion. The Werneckes in 2005, Corissa Mueller in 2002, Valerie Emerson in 1998, and Tina Phifer in 1997, said no to doctors and lost their children. Shirley Cheng hopes to bring awareness to the public of this issue and inform parents of the legal consequences of dissent, and above all, to put an end to this crime against humanity. Her mother Juliet Cheng had battled and won two horrifying custody cases after refusing harmful treatments. The 1990 case made international headlines and gained support from celebrities, such as Katharine Hepburn and Taiwan's former first lady Soong May-ling.

From the Publisher Reach the publisher at ShirleyCheng.com Shirley Cheng (b. 1983), a blind and physically disabled award-winning author, motivational speaker, self-empowerment expert, poet, author of seven books, contributing author of eleven books, and a parental rights advocate, has had severe juvenile rheumatoid arthritis since infancy. Owing to years of hospitalization, she received no education until age eleven. However, after only about 180 days of special education in elementary school, she mastered grade level in all areas and entered a regular sixth grade class in middle school. Unfortunately, Shirley lost her eyesight at the age of seventeen. After a successful eye surgery, she hopes to earn multiple science doctorates from Harvard University. Shirley Cheng is also the author of *Waking Spirit: Prose Poems the Spirit Sings* (with foreword by New York Times bestselling author Cynthia Brian), a heartfelt collection that explores a world of dancing hearts, singing spirits, with infinite love from life (ISBN: 9780615136806 paperback; 9780615138930 hardback); *Embrace Ultra-Ability! Wisdom, Insight Motivation from the Blind Who Sees Far and Wide* (ISBN: 9780615155227); *Daring Quests of Mystics*, a soothing read to relax the mind, body, and spirit (ISBN: 9781411656642); an empowering 700-page autobiography, *The Revelation of a Star's Endless Shine: A Young Woman's Autobiography of 20-Year Victories over Victimization* (ISBN: 9780615150444); and *Dance with Your Heart: Tales and Poems That the Heart Tells*, a collection of inspirational and fantasy short stories (fairy tales, fables, and myths) and poems for the heart from the heart (ISBN: 9781411618589). *Waking Spirit* is a multi-award winner. The awards include The Avatar Award for Spiritual Excellence in Literature (2008), a winner in three categories in Reader Views 2007 Annual Literary Awards: First Place in Poetry Nonfiction, and Second Place in both New Age Nonfiction and Spirituality/Inspiration; award-winning finalist in the national Indie Excellence 2007 Book Awards, Honorable Mention in the 2007 New York Book Festival Competition, as well as Honorable Mention in the 2007 DIY Book Festival. With highly acclaimed experts like Dr. Wayne Dyer, Tony Robbins, and Brian Tracy, Shirley co-authored *Wake Up...Live the Life You Love: Finding Life's Passion*, the latest installment in the bestselling *Wake Up...Live the Life You Love* series; she is also the co-author of *101 Great Ways to Improve Your Life, Volume 2*, along with leading experts Jack Canfield, John Gray, Richard Carlson, Alan Cohen, Bob Proctor, et al. Shirley is also an advocate of parental rights in children's medical care, and aide/caregiver monitoring and screening for students with special needs and disabled people. As a parental rights advocate, she wants to help today's loving parents protect and keep custody of their children. "When doctors ask yes or no, parents should have the right to say no," says Shirley,

who is the survivor of mother Juliet Cheng's 1990 five-month internationally broadcast custody battle with a doctor. Juliet was on CBS This Morning with Paula Zahn. Shirley promotes aide advocacy for the disabled because she was mistreated and abused by one-to-one aides when she attended school. "The trouble with the uncaring aides actually lies with the authorities," she says. "If they listened to my complaints and kept a close watch on the aides, I wouldn't have gone through all the suffering." She had been published twice before her writing career. One of her short stories, Mary Miller, the Elusive Lady, received Honorable Mention and was published by the Poughkeepsie Journal in 1997, and a poem, The Colors of the Rainbow, earned merit status and was published in Celebrate! New York Young Poets Speak Out in 1999. In 2006, Shirley tied for 1st place in the national writing contest for Be the Star You Are! founded by New York Times bestselling author, TV/radio personality Cynthia Brian, garnering her a third appearance on Cynthia's live radio show. Shirley's winning entry, titled The Jewel from Heavenly Father, is dedicated to her beloved mother Juliet Cheng. In 2007, Shirley received Honorable Mention in the same contest for her essay, I Hold the Power, her personal story of overcoming blindness at the age of seventeen. In 2008, Shirley was yet again one of the honorees, this time winning Honorable Mention for her essay, My Mother: A Fighter, a Victor, a Lover, which applauds her stellar mother for being such a courageous and loving fighter to protect her life at all costs. Shirley is available for interviews, speaking engagements, book signings, and inspirational events. She has been on over twenty radio shows, including Be the Star You Are! for three times, The Donna Seebo Show, and Stu Taylor on Business. She was featured in World Journal, the largest Chinese national newspaper in North America, in July of 2004.