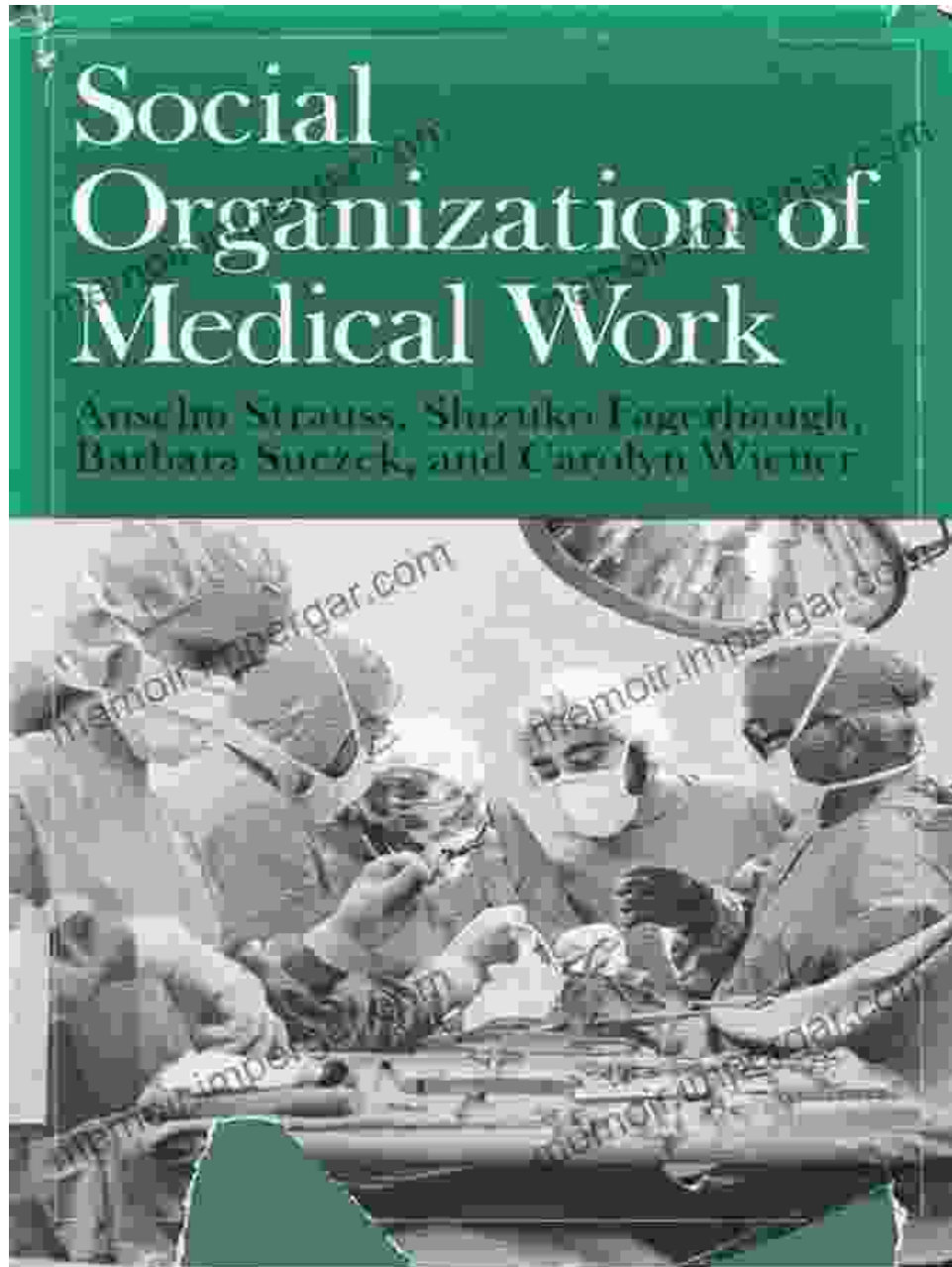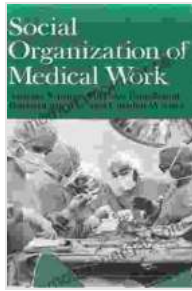# Delve into the Intricate Social Dynamics of the Medical Profession: "Social Organization of Medical Work"

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