Anaesthesia: A Very Short Introduction
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Anaesthesia: A Very Short Introduction examines the modern anaesthetic practice. Anaesthesia is a mysterious and sometimes threatening process. What is anaesthesia? How is it produced? How does it differ from natural sleep and other forms of unconsciousness? Categories of anaesthetic drugs include: anaesthetic vapours, intravenous agents, muscle relaxants, and analgesics. Anaesthetists play a significant role in specialised areas such as intensive care medicine, pain medicine, and childbirth. This VSI looks at what anaesthetists do, how their role has changed over the years, and the risks and side effects of anaesthesia.