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### **Fragile Innocence: Illness, Courage and Medicine**

**James Reston, Jr.**

**12 Noon, Monday, November 20, 2006  
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James Reston, Jr., critically acclaimed writer and historian, has written with a strong and delicate voice about his daughter's illness. In *Fragile Innocence: A Father's Memoir of His Daughter's Courageous Journey* (Harmony Books 2006), "Not only did Reston and his wife... have to deal with their own anguish and guilt but also the added burden imposed by others – some of them doctors – who suggested that they let Hillary die and 'get on' with their lives. Fortunately, the Restons rebelled at such advice and discovered knowledgeable and compassionate caretakers who rescued their daughter from certain death" (quote from comments by Richard Restak, M.D.). Reston is also the author of *The Last Apocalypse*, *Galileo: A Life* and *Dogs of God*.

