As an individual, encountering polio was undoubtedly one of the most devastating experiences of the 20th century. It not only left a significant impact on the lives of those affected but also significantly changed the landscape of healthcare and public health policies around the world. The book "Passage Through Crisis: Polio Victims and Their Families" by Robert N. Proctor provides a comprehensive account of the polio epidemic's impact on individuals and their families. The book offers a vivid and probing ethno-graphic account of the impact of serious illness on the human condition.

The book delves into the experiences of polio victims and their families, capturing the emotional and psychological effects of the disease. It highlights the importance of empathy, understanding, and support in dealing with such a crisis. The book also discusses the role of public health and medical professionals in addressing the needs of polio victims and their families.

The book's authors, Paul Proctor and Linda Gordon, provide a detailed and intensely human account of not only the epidemics that swept Texas during the polio years, but also of the continuing aftermath of the disease for those who are still living with its effects. Public health and medical professionals, as well as the affected individuals and their families, will find this book to be an invaluable resource.

In summary, "Passage Through Crisis: Polio Victims and Their Families" offers a comprehensive and poignant account of the polio epidemic's impact on individuals and their families. The book is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of medicine, public health, and human experience.