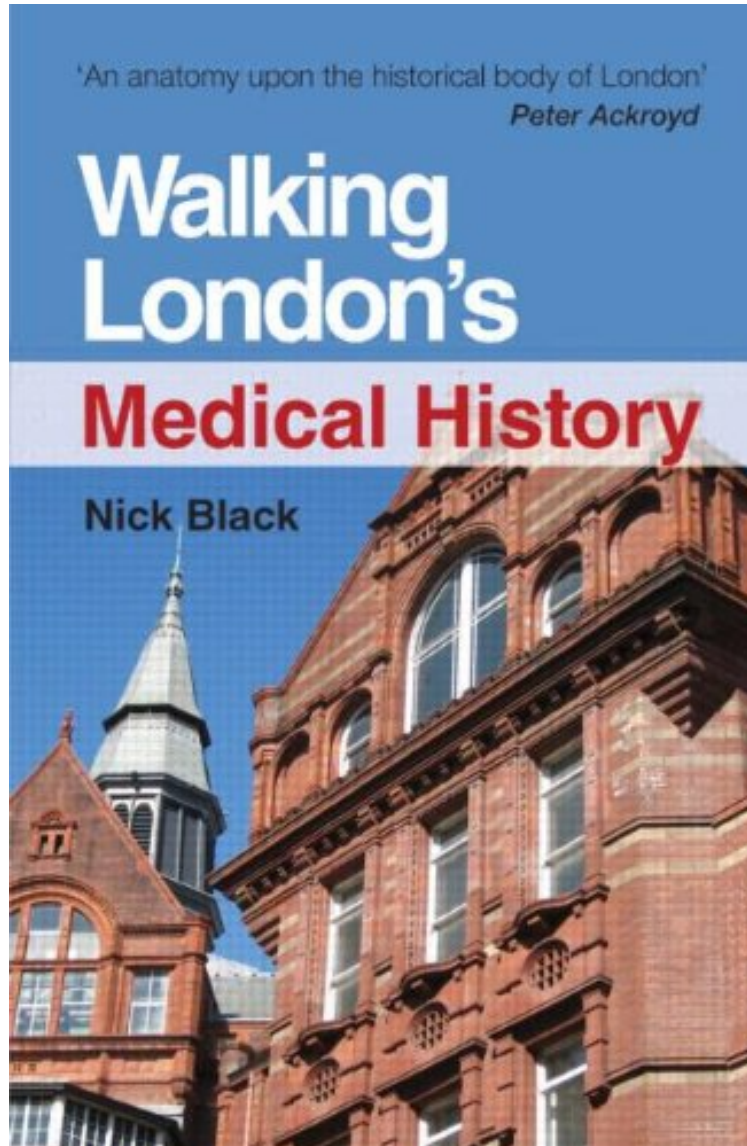


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Walking Medical LondonBy Dr. Duncan B. NeuhauserOne of the great cities in the world to walk in is London. For some one interested in medical history and who wants to walk in London,this is your book. The author is an internationally known professor at the London School of Hygiene and he has written this out of his own personal enthusiasm. He knows what he is talking about. Each walk takes you between two

subway stops and this book tells you what you will see in between them. In April 2010, thanks to an Icelandic volcano I had several extra days in London with perfect city weather. I followed half the walking tours of this handy book. The author really sticks to his subject. He walks you to within two meters of the Charlie Chaplin Statue and it is up to you to notice. I walked alot in Islington and this book made it fascinating. A parking lot that was once a Dickensian work house. The only building left there is the former Imbicile's dormatory; now up-scale apartments. Richard Barnett's book "Medical London" is also good and covers different topics and locations, but Professor Black's book is the one to carry as you walk.

Highly Commended, BMA Medical Book Awards 2013 The history of health care is complex, confusing, and contested. It involves more than just the creation of hospitals and dispensaries, infirmaries, and health centers. There are also royal colleges, trades unions, medical schools, nurses' homes, coroners' courts, nursing sisterhoods, ambulance stations, patients' organizations, and medical missions. Usually, to enhance our understanding we sit and read books, or, nowadays, surf the Internet. But it's more fun to go out, visit the buildings where events unfolded and transport yourself back in time. The story of how health care has developed from medieval times to the present day is told through seven walks in central London, each with a key theme, such as: Competition between the church, crown, and city for control Changing fortunes of particular districts Radical reform between 1840 and 1880 Individual creativity and entrepreneurship Hospitals' unavoidable choice between merger or migration Transformation of health care trades into professions Development of primary care The book takes as much interest in one of the six ambulance stations build in 1915 by the London County Council as it does in the grandest teaching hospital. Although some important buildings have been destroyed, and others are threatened, many remain. The walks aim to help preserve our legacy as, increasingly, former health care buildings are converted into hotels, offices, homes, and shops. Awareness of their original functions is in danger of being lost. The book also aims to increase our understanding of the current challenges we face in trying to improve health care. For there are many lessons to be learnt from the past. Packed full of curious and surprising facts about medicine and beautifully illustrated with maps, photographs, and images, this is the perfect guide book for anyone with a passion for urban walks, the history of London, and, of course, medicine.