

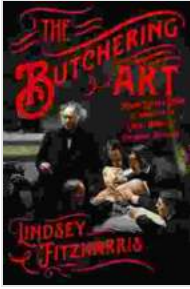
Joseph Lister: The Man Who Revolutionized Victorian Medicine



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Joseph Lister was a Scottish surgeon who is considered one of the most important figures in the history of medicine. His work on antiseptics transformed Victorian medicine, saving countless lives and changing the course of medical history.

Early Life and Education

Lister was born in 1827 in Upton, Essex, England. His father was a successful wine merchant and his mother was the daughter of a Scottish minister. Lister attended University College London and the University of Edinburgh, where he studied medicine.

After graduating from medical school, Lister worked as a surgeon at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. He was soon appointed to the chair of surgery at the University of Glasgow, where he began his pioneering work on antiseptics.

Antisepsis

In the mid-19th century, surgery was a dangerous and often deadly procedure. Infections were rampant, and most patients died from sepsis, a condition caused by the body's reaction to infection.

Lister believed that infections were caused by germs, and he set out to find a way to kill these germs before they could cause harm. He experimented with various antiseptic agents, including carbolic acid, and eventually developed a method of using carbolic acid to sterilize surgical instruments and dressings.

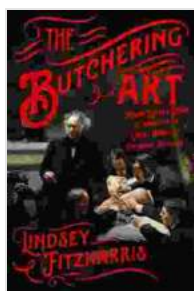
Lister's method of antisepsis was initially met with resistance from other surgeons, but it eventually became the standard of care. Lister's work saved countless lives and changed the course of medical history.

Legacy

Joseph Lister died in 1912 at the age of 85. He is considered one of the most important figures in the history of medicine. His work on antisepsis revolutionized surgery and saved countless lives.

Lister's legacy lives on in the hospitals and clinics that bear his name. The Lister Institute, founded in 1903, is a world-renowned medical research organization that continues to promote Lister's work on infection control.

Joseph Lister was a pioneer in the field of medicine. His work on antisepsis transformed Victorian medicine and saved countless lives. His legacy continues to inspire medical professionals today.



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