

## **“How did Anyone Come Up with that?!” The A to Z of Medical History, to Read and Now Also to Listen to!**

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Anyone who thinks “medical curiosities” belong exclusively in a museum should be pleasantly surprised by the second edition of “Curiosities in Medicine: Alphabetically”. Sibylle Scholtz, Myriam Becker, Lee MacMorris, and Achim Langenbucher present an entertaining and informative journey through the history of medicine. They followed a simple yet effective principle: 100 short chapters from A to Z that recount medical history as a blend of ingenuity, dead ends, and the occasional head-shaking moment. It’s ideal for anyone who enjoys “quickly reading”, or listening to a story between rounds, surgeries, and paperwork. This edition not only offers the classic print version but also a modern upgrade in accessibility: Each chapter of the eBook is also available as an AI-generated audio file, created using state-of-the-art text-to-speech (TTS) technology, a format that makes the content accessible on the go or between appointments.

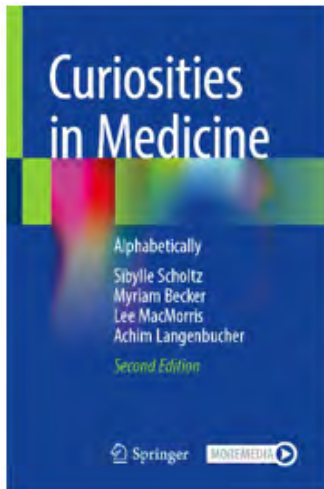
The e-book’s strength lies in its format: concise, clear, and structured in such a way that readers can either search for specific topics or browse alphabetically.

Ophthalmologists, in particular, will find much to enjoy in this book. It contains numerous chapters on the eye, from Gullstrand, Helmholtz, and Meyer-Schwickerath to the history of cataract surgery, biometry, and IOL materials. Those who appreciate bridging the gap between clinical practice and culture will also enjoy chapters such as “Monet: The Cataract and the Water Lily”, “Odilia: Saint of the Blind” and “Optography: The Last Image”.

Today’s events can only be truly understood within the context of history, and this also applies to medicine. These 20 additional chapters also bear witness to the courage, scientific thinking, and ingenuity of numerous scientists from different eras.

Your interest may be stimulated by the “curiosities” that people have invented, curiosities that have contributed to the development of modern medicine. We wish you much enjoyment on your journey of discovery!

**Summary:** A highly successful, knowledgeable and entertaining book that dusts off the history of medicine and, with the audio option, shows how medical storytelling can be made even more inclusive today.



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