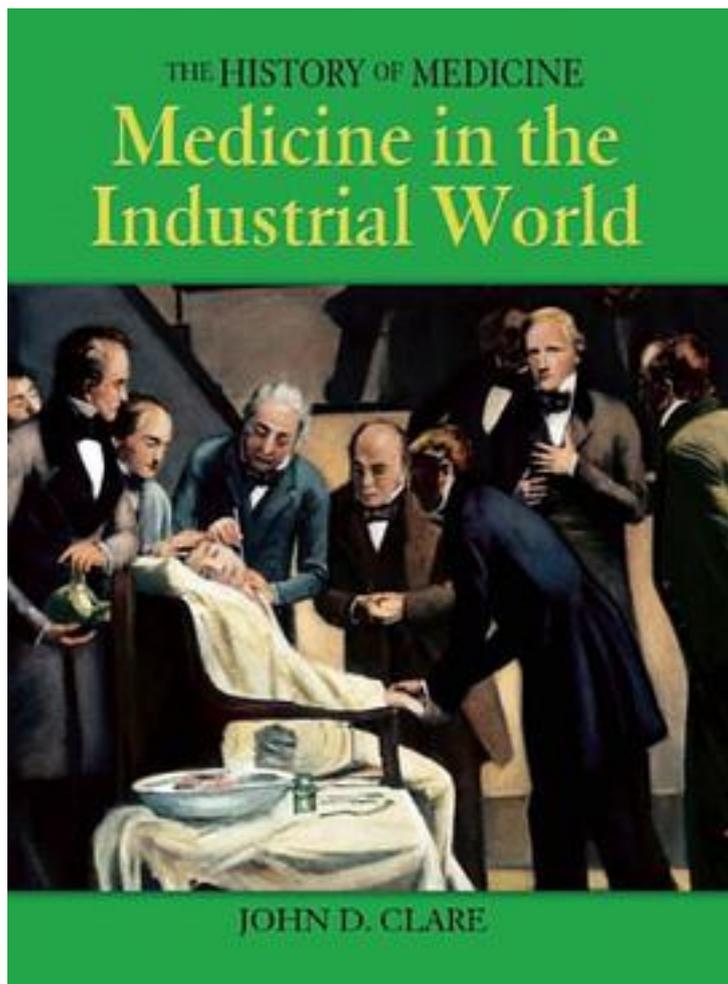


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The nineteenth century saw the coming of the Industrial Revolution, and the changes it brought in terms of urban life, work life, science and technology altered the face of

medicine forever. Urban squalor, new sources of disease, a new vision of public hygiene, and the industry driven developments in science and technology all meant that the period from 1800-1914 saw both losses and gains in terms of health and the ability of doctor's to fight disease. While improved public health measures and living standards meant that people generally were better able to resist disease, yet the threats to health had increased and the transmission of disease was more "global" than ever before; and while there were improvements in both the quality and popular perception of doctors during the nineteenth century, doctors nevertheless remained largely unable to cure infectious diseases. That said, judging from death rates and life expectancy statistics, people seem to have become healthier by the end of the 19th century. How did this happen? What role did industry play? How were medical advances spurred by scientific discoveries? Delve into the pages of Medicine in the Industrial World to explore these questions and more Highly illustrated, packed full of information, and offering a glossary, an index, and a list of recommended books, Websites and places to visit, Medicine in the Industrial World is a fascinating and useful volume covering not only medical and scientific history, but social history as well.

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