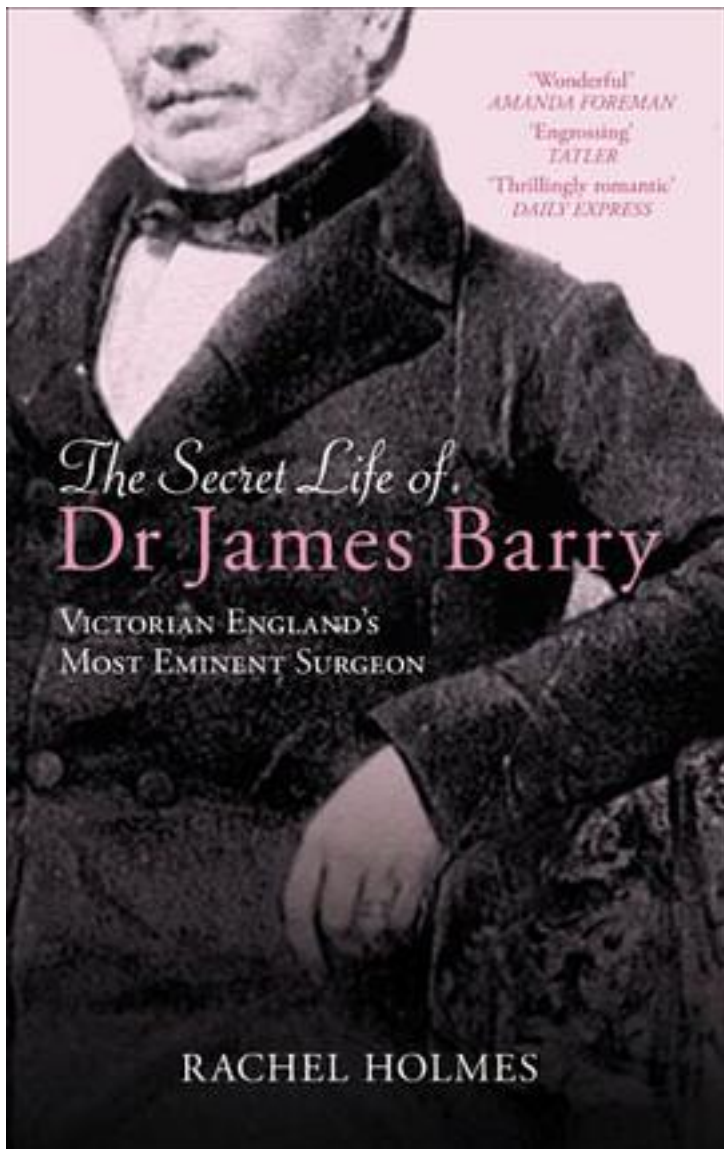


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James Barry was an innovative medical pioneer, radical humanitarian and flamboyant dandy who traversed the British Empire during the nineteenth century. He campaigned tirelessly for the humanitarian rights of the patient. On three continents, Barry implemented new methods of hygiene, sanitation, quarantine, diet and effective treatment of some of the most virulent diseases known to the age. Barry's medical reforms saved the lives of thousands of people. But Barry was not what he seemed. He courted controversy throughout his life - sexual scandal, a fiery temper, extravagant dress and rampant vegetarianism set him apart from his fellows. Yet, all the while he concealed a secret that went right to the heart of his identity. Rachel Holmes pursues Barry's tumultuous adventures across the globe, bringing alive through vivid storytelling this extraordinary Victorian who caused outrage wherever he went. A fascinating story of nineteenth century science and the mysteries of sexuality, "James Barry" brings to life one of the most enigmatic figures of his time. Wherever Barry went he sparked gossip, made enemies and inspired relentless curiosity about his identity, yet through it all he defiantly lived a life that otherwise would have been denied him.

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