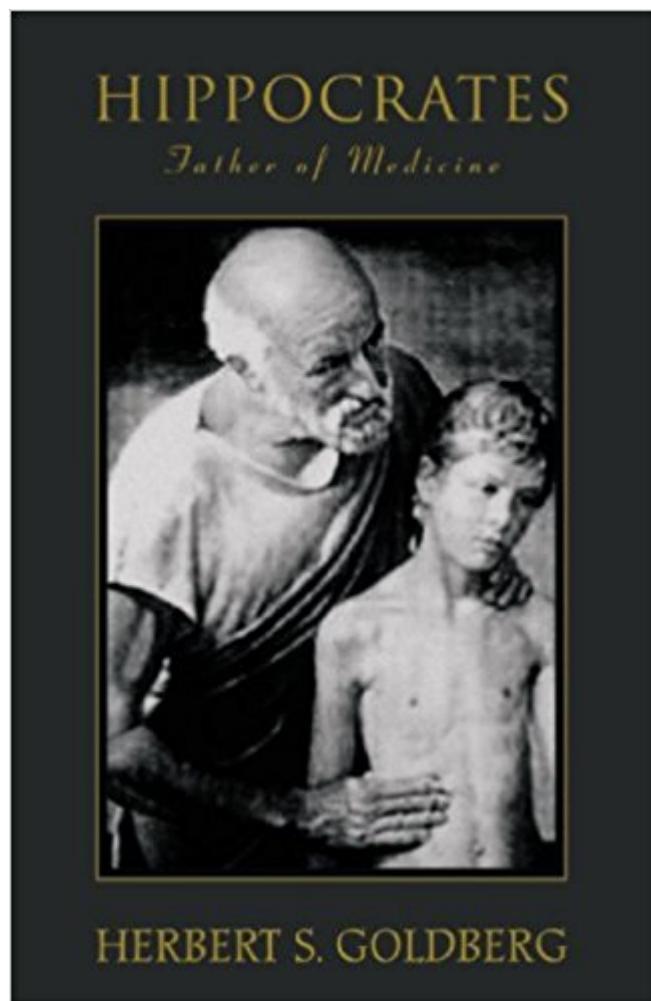


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Hippocrates: Father Of Medicine



Synopsis

The reader is given a concept of the life and times when Hippocrates lived. The professions and trades during Hippocrates time are described as well as the early education of youth in ancient Greece. Medicines were not based on science but on driving evil spirits from the body. Hippocrates' scientific approach to the study and treatment of disease has deservedly earned for him the title "Father of Medicine". He was born on the island of Cos in 460 B.C., and his works remained for centuries the foundation of medical and biographical knowledge. In addition, it was Hippocrates' daring approach to the problems of sickness and disease that drove the opening wedge into the wall of fear that surrounded human ills. Hippocrates' scrupulous attention to professional ethics is honored even to this day by the medical oath that bears his name- "The Hippocratic Oath". "Desperate diseases need desperate remedies" "One man's meat is another man's poison"-these well known sayings by Hippocrates were a direct attack on human suffering. Hippocrates also wrote books on epidemics and stressed the importance of diet in combating them.

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Herbert S. Goldberg was born in New York City and is a Professor Emeritus and Associate Dean Emeritus of the University of Missouri School of Medicine. He has long been interested in bringing knowledge of biology and medicine to the public. He has accomplished this by writing in a variety of medical subjects as well as lecturing in this country and abroad. He has also served on advisory committees of the Food and Drug Administration and the World Health Organization.

Great little book! Very easy to read historical presentation of the beginning of Medicine as a profession as per Asclepius but mostly by Hippocrates. Would make an ideal gift for a medical student as well as for anyone in Medicine or interested in the history of Medicine.

pretty basic, I read the whole thing in a half hour, maybe 40 minutes. ok for someone who knows nothing, or very little, about him. There is some interesting information in there, more so on the history of medical advancement, of which Hippocrates was incredibly influential. Not bad if you want a quick read and are interested in the history of western medicine.

Herbert Goldberg does a fantastic job of retelling the history of Greece and showing how these events impacted Hippocrates. I recommend this book to anyone who is writing a research paper that is on anything about Ancient Greek culture and of course on Hippocrates himself.

By Doogie OrtonwardHippocrates, I'm called the "father of medicine". I was the first person to write that people got sick due to scientific reasons. I was born around the year 460 BC on the Greek island of Kos. My father was Heraclides, a physician; my mother was Praxitela, daughter of Phenaretis. I followed in my father's footsteps to become a great doctor like him. Most people still believe disease is caused by angry gods. I also wrote about how to treat the needs of sick people. I made careful, regular notes of many symptoms including complexion, pulse, fever, pains, movement, and excretions. It was my passion to study medicine. I hope that all the information and ideas I discover doctors will still study in the future. One idea I wrote about is "patient confidentiality". This means that doctors cannot tell anyone else what their patients tell them. Another idea is that the doctor cannot do anything to harm a patient. I feel that if anyone did try to harm a patient that they should be punished to a full extent. These kind of ideas are called medical ethics. The Hippocratic Oath which I founded is what doctors promise to their patients. This means they give the best care to their patients. One of the many famous lines in the Hippocratic Oath is "That I will be loyal to the profession of medicine and just to its members". As the founder of the Hippocratic school of medicine, an intellectual school, that revolutionized medicine in ancient Greece, thus making medicine a profession.

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