

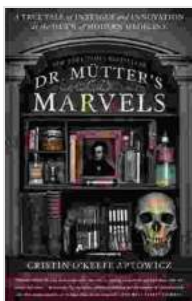
Dr Mutter's Marvels: A Surgeon, Collector, and Teacher Extraordinaire



The Man Behind the Marvels

Born in 1811, Dr Thomas Dent Mutter was a brilliant surgeon and a passionate collector of medical specimens. His collection, now housed in

the renowned Mutter Museum in Philadelphia, is a testament to his dedication to the advancement of medical knowledge.



Dr. Mutter's Marvels: A True Tale of Intrigue and Innovation at the Dawn of Modern Medicine

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Mutter's fascination with anatomy began early in his career. He would often spend hours studying cadavers, dissecting them with meticulous precision. His collection grew rapidly, and he soon became known as one of the leading experts on anatomical anomalies and pathological conditions.

Mutter was also a gifted teacher. He taught anatomy at the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia for many years, and his lectures were renowned for their clarity and humor. He was a firm believer in the importance of practical experience, and he often took his students to the operating room to witness surgeries firsthand.

The Mutter Museum: A Treasure Trove of Medical History

In 1858, Mutter donated his collection to the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. The collection was initially housed in a small room in the college, but it quickly outgrew its space. In 1874, the college constructed a new building to house the collection, which was named the Mutter Museum in honor of its founder.

The Mutter Museum is now home to over 20,000 specimens, including anatomical anomalies, pathological specimens, and medical instruments. The collection is a unique and valuable resource for medical professionals and researchers, and it is also a popular destination for tourists and curious minds.

Some of the Highlights of the Collection

The Mutter Museum is home to a wide variety of fascinating and educational specimens. Some of the highlights of the collection include:

* The Soap Lady: A woman who was found saponified (turned into soap) in her bathtub. * The Siamese Twins: Chang and Eng Bunker, who were born in Thailand in 1811 and were joined at the torso. * The Giant Skeleton: A skeleton that is over 7 feet tall. * The Death Casts: A collection of plaster casts of people who died in various ways, including accidents, suicides, and murders. * The Medical Instruments: A collection of medical instruments from the 19th century, including scalpels, saws, and forceps.

The Legacy of Dr Mutter

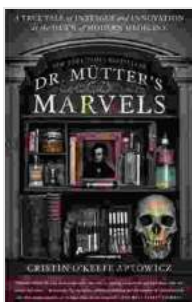
Dr Thomas Dent Mutter was a brilliant surgeon, a passionate collector, and a gifted teacher. His legacy continues to inspire medical professionals and curious minds alike. The Mutter Museum is a testament to his dedication to

the advancement of medical knowledge, and it is a valuable resource for anyone who is interested in the history of medicine.

Visiting the Mutter Museum

The Mutter Museum is located at 19 South 22nd Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The museum is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday from 10am to 5pm. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors, and \$10 for children ages 6-12.

For more information, please visit the Mutter Museum's website at www.muttermuseum.org.



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