

# HISTORY



## Roundtable est. 2017

{(usually) meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every other month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

### June's Topic: Medical History

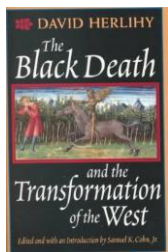
**Meeting Date:** Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm [will be meeting online]

Register at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us) or by emailing [sjergger@greenwoodlibrary.us](mailto:sjergger@greenwoodlibrary.us).

More info and handout at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable).

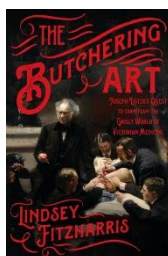
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read *any* non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to medical history. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, attend the roundtable prepared to summarize your book/video/podcast for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

### Books:



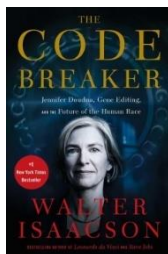
[The Black Death and the Transformation of the West](#) by David Herlihy – NONFICTION HISTORY MEDIEVAL Herlihy

In this small book David Herlihy makes subtle and subversive inquiries that challenge historical thinking about the Black Death. Looking beyond the view of the plague as unmitigated catastrophe, Herlihy finds evidence for its role in the advent of new population controls, the establishment of universities, the spread of Christianity, the dissemination of vernacular cultures, and even the rise of nationalism.



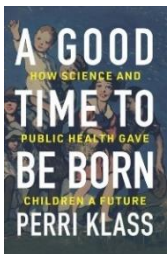
[The Butchering Art: Joseph Lister's Quest to Transform the Grisly World of Victorian Medicine](#) by Lindsey Fitzharris – NONFICTION WELLNESS MEDICAL Fitzharris

Presents an account of how Quaker surgeon Joseph Lister developed an antiseptic method that indelibly changed medicine, describing the practices and risks of early operating theaters as well as the belief systems of Lister's contemporaries.



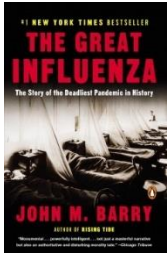
[The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race](#) by Walter Isaacson – NONFICTION SCIENCE BIOLOGY Isaacson; [eBook & eAudio](#) on Overdrive/Libby\*

The bestselling author of *Leonardo da Vinci* and *Steve Jobs* returns with a gripping account of how the pioneering scientist Jennifer Doudna, along with her colleagues and rivals, launched a revolution that will allow us to cure diseases, fend off viruses, and enhance our children.



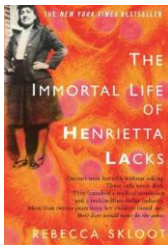
[A Good Time to be Born: How Science and Public Health Gave Children a Future](#) by Perri Klass – 304.645 KLA via Evergreen\*; [eAudio](#) via hoopla\*

The steady beating back of infant and child mortality is one of our greatest human achievements. Interweaving her own experiences as a medical student and doctor, Perri Klass pays tribute to groundbreaking women doctors like Rebecca Lee Crumpler, Mary Putnam Jacobi, and Josephine Baker, and to the nurses, public health advocates, and scientists who brought new approaches and scientific ideas about sanitation and vaccination to families. These scientists, healers, reformers, and parents rewrote the human experience so that—for the first time in human memory—early death is now the exception rather than the rule, bringing about a fundamental transformation in society, culture, and family life.



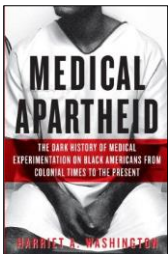
[The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History](#) by John M. Barry – NONFICTION 614.518 BAR; [eBook & eAudio](#) on Overdrive/Libby\*

Chronicles the 1918 influenza epidemic, discussing why it was so lethal, how it spread throughout the American Midwest, what steps were taken to stop it, and how the country responded to the crisis.



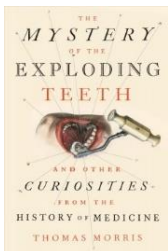
[The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks](#) by Rebecca Skloot – NONFICTION 616.0277 SKL; [eBook & eAudio](#) on Overdrive/Libby\*

Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer, yet her cells—taken without her knowledge—became one of the most important tools in medicine. The first "immortal" human cells grown in culture, they are still alive today, though she has been dead for more than sixty years. The story of the Lacks family is inextricably connected to the dark history of experimentation on African Americans, the birth of bioethics, and the legal battles over whether we control the stuff we are made of.



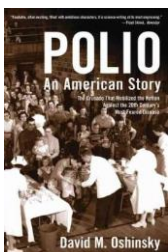
[Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present](#) by Harriet A. Washington – NONFICTION 174.28 WAS; [eAudio](#) on hoopla\*

The first comprehensive history of medical experimentation on African Americans, this book starts with the earliest encounters between Africans and Western medical researchers and the racist pseudoscience that resulted. It also details the way both slaves and freedmen were used in hospitals for experiments conducted without a hint of informed consent—a tradition that continues today within some black populations.



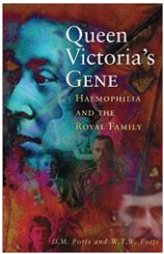
[The Mystery of the Exploding Teeth: And Other Curiosities from the History of Medicine](#) by Thomas Morris – NONFICTION WELLNESS MEDICAL Morris

This wryly humorous collection of stories about bizarre medical treatments and cases offers a unique portrait of Victorian medicine in all its grisly weirdness. A puzzling series of dental explosions beginning in the nineteenth century, with the most recent case in the 1960s, is just one of many strange tales that have long lain undiscovered in the pages of old medical journals.



[Polio: An American Story](#) by David M. Oshinsky – NONFICTION 614.549 OSH; [eAudio](#) on hoopla\*

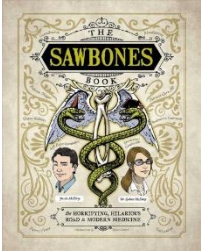
A history of the 1950s polio epidemic that caused panic in the United States examines the competition between Salk and Sabin to find the first vaccine, and its implications for such issues as government testing of new drugs and manufacturers' liability.



## [Queen Victoria's Gene: Haemophilia and The Royal Family](#) by D. M. Potts –

NONFICTION HISTORY GENEALOGY Potts

Queen Victoria's Gene is the first extended scientific examination of the history of haemophilia in the royal families of Europe. The book asks where the disease came from and what effect it had on history, and in so doing it presents some startling new perspectives.



## [The Sawbones Book: The Horrifying, Hilarious Road to Modern Medicine](#) by Sydnee & James McElroy – 610.9 MCE via Evergreen\*; [eBook](#) on hoopla\*

Wondering whether eating powdered mummies might be just the thing to cure your ills? Tempted by those vintage ads suggesting you wear radioactive underpants for virility? Ever considered drilling a hole in your head to deal with those pesky headaches? Probably not. But for thousands of years, people have done things like this—and things that make radioactive underpants seem downright sensible! In their hit podcast, Sawbones, Sydnee and James

McElroy breakdown the weird and wonderful way we got to modern healthcare.

### Videos:



## [Handmaidens and Battleaxes – The Real Story of Nursing](#) – on [Kanopy](#)\*

Throughout history, the perception of nurses has ranged from wise women to witches, sots to ministering angels, handmaidens to battleaxes. The professional role of the nurse has changed dramatically. *Might need to log into Kanopy first before clicking link.*



## [Unseen Enemies: The Deadliest Infectious Diseases in Human History](#) – playlist on [Kanopy](#)\*

The primary objective of Unseen Enemies is to educate students of science and healthcare concerning the history of infectious disease, while profiling individual scientists, nurses and physicians whose dedication and sacrifice lead to the eradication or control of the top eleven infectious disease killers of man. *Might need to log into Kanopy first before clicking link.*



## [We Were Here: The AIDS Years in San Francisco](#) – on [Kanopy](#)\*

An intimate, yet epic history of the AIDS years in San Francisco, as told through the stories of five longtime San Franciscans. The film documents the coming of what was called the "Gay Plague" in the early 1980s. It illuminates the profound personal and community issues raised by the AIDS epidemic as well as the broad political and social upheavals it unleashed. *Might need to log into Kanopy first before clicking link.*

### Podcasts:



## [Edward Jenner, Father of Vaccines](#) by Stuff You Missed in History Class

Smallpox has been around longer than recorded history. It killed royalty, shifted the tides of battles, and was so terrifying that many religions have gods, saints and martyrs associated with it. And Edward Jenner gets the credit for changing all that.



## [Overcoming an Outbreak: How San Francisco Survived the Plague](#) by Backstory

In this special bonus episode, Ed talks with David K. Randall, author of *Black Death at the Golden Gate: The Race to Save America from the Bubonic Plague*. David tells Ed about how Dr. Rupert Blue defied conventions to get an outbreak of the plague under control in San Francisco during the early 20th century.