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The Excellent Doctor Blackwell: The life of the first woman physician by Julia Boyd, Paperback

It is hard to imagine the enormity of the obstacles that Elizabeth and Emily Blackwell overcame throughout their lifetimes. I have not the slightest hesitation on the subject; the thorough study of medicine, I am quite resolved to go through with.

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This is a fascinating biography of the first female doctor, a woman I'd never heard of before, but whose story deserves to be better known. One never really knew with Elizabeth, and perhaps she never really knew with herself.

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Nothing was familiar — the surroundings, the students, and the faculty. Barry followed Blackwell during her many trans-Atlantic moves, during her furious house hunt between 1874 and 1875, during which they moved six times, and finally to Blackwell's final home, Rock House, a small house off Exmouth Place in , in 1879. The Guardians of the Poor, the city commission that ran , granted her permission to work there, albeit not without some struggle.

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Conversely, her friendship with Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, inspired Anderson to become England's first woman doctor.

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She led the way for women to enter medical schools but fought hard against the germ theory of disease, vaccinations and contraception.

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As a reader, and a physician, I felt that I could probably see Blackwell or her current incarnation in people around me. The male physicians refused to help with the nurse education plan if it involved the Blackwells. Other than that, the book is one of the smoothest written and interesting biographies I have read.

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Blackwell's greatest wish was to be accepted into one of the Philadelphia medical schools. She did not see the value of and thought it dangerous.

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Their incredible story has been crying out to be told, and in Janice P. Yet regular 19th-century medical practice could horrify her too, with its violent purgatives and useless pseudoscientific routines. Dictionary of Unitarian Universalist Biography.

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