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## Elizabeth Blackwell

Pioneer in becoming the first woman to graduate medical school - admired. She exchanged letters with about women's rights issues and became very close friends with , with whom she discussed opening and running a hospital together.

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Yes, this was a different time and place; still, one of the greatest surprises is how Dr Blackwell just took off many times for six months to travel. The author has done a splendid job of research and shows a great understanding of human nature in her portrayal of not only Dr Blackwell but of all the characters involved. Nimura makes clear in her impeccably researched and beautifully articulated retelling, Blackwell was neither iconic feminist nor iconic physician, but both less and perhaps more of each than generally advertised.

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Blackwell also founded the with her sister in 1857, and began giving to female audiences on the importance of Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

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Nightingale wanted Blackwell to turn her focus to training nurses and could not see the legitimacy of training female physicians. Her use of the facts and images she found in these repositories is judicious, scholarly, and precise. Her graduating thesis at Geneva Medical College was on the topic of typhus.

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