

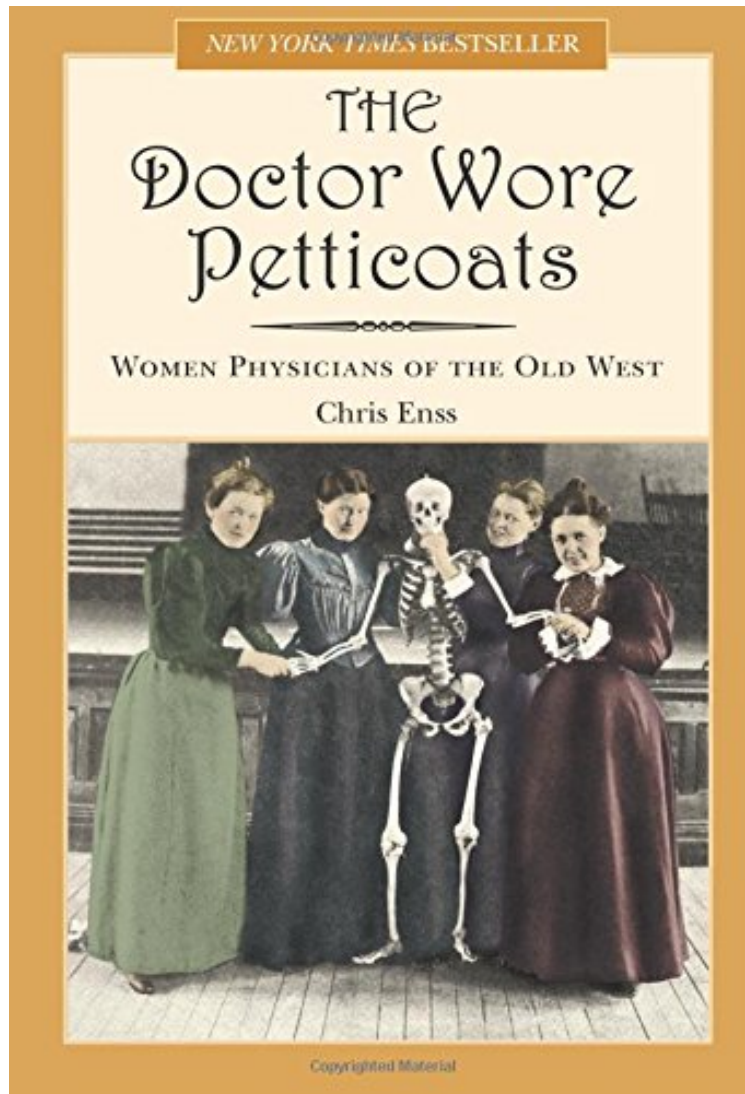
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## **Doctor Wore Petticoats: Women Physicians Of The Old West**

**Chris Enss : Doctor Wore Petticoats: Women Physicians Of The Old West** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Doctor Wore Petticoats: Women Physicians Of The Old West:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Where's the beef?By Robert WelchThis sounded like a story WAY overdue and I looked forward to finally hearing about how the fair sex handled the old west. While there were a number of profiles included of interesting women who served their communities as doctors, the essays lacked development and gave only partial outlines of these women's lives and experiences. MUCH more research was called

for to round out the stories. Still, I think simply because one never hears about women doctors in the early years of western settlement, the book was enjoyable in that it at least shed a little light on a long ignored but vitally important segment of the settling process during the later 1800's. Over all, this book is worth the ride, even though the stories are too rough.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Dr wore petticoats  
By SSpoonster  
The book was ok. I just wish there was more context. The book gives a short biography of each woman and a very brief synopsis of the challenges face by women entering into and practicing medicine. It talks about the attitude of the professors and male students towards women but does not really explain how women were able to get into the college's. At one point it is mentioned that a student had to apprentice for two years and be over thirty. Is that all that was required to get into med school? But what about the women who were younger when they went into medicine? Did they wait until they were 30? It also mentioned that Mormons were much more accepting of women Dr's. Why was that? Is it part of their faith or was it that there were more women then men? There were also times were I found the wording of certain things confusing. Enss mentioned that one of the women had 5 children and goes on to mention that 3 children died young, 2 before their 1st birthday and one at 5. In the next paragraph Enss discusses the challenges the Dr faced with a busy practice and raising her 5 children to adulthood. Wait...what?!? So she actually had 8 children and 5 survived until adulthood. All and all I just wanted so much more from this book and it just didn't deliver. What was included was very interesting which is why I did not rate it lower.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Not Very Detailed  
By DogLover83  
The book gives a brief overview of several woman doctors in the Old West. If you want something you can read quickly and easily, this is it. However, if you want more detailed information, this isn't for you. I also discovered a fact in the book that isn't correct. The chapter on Dr. Stanford begins, "The rough-and-tumble town of Deadwood, South Dakota, was home to a variety of notorious western characters in the mid-1880s. Buffalo Bill Cody, Wild Bill Hickok, and Calamity Jane were just a few of the infamous names associated with the gold mining camp. These three legends of the West were at one time patients of the first woman doctor in the area, Dr. Flora Hayward Stanford." It goes on to indicate she opened a practice in Deadwood in 1888. The problem is that Hickok died in 1876 - 12 years before she opened a practice there and 2 years before she graduated from med school. It makes one wonder how much research the author really did when writing the book. I was basically disappointed in the book.

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