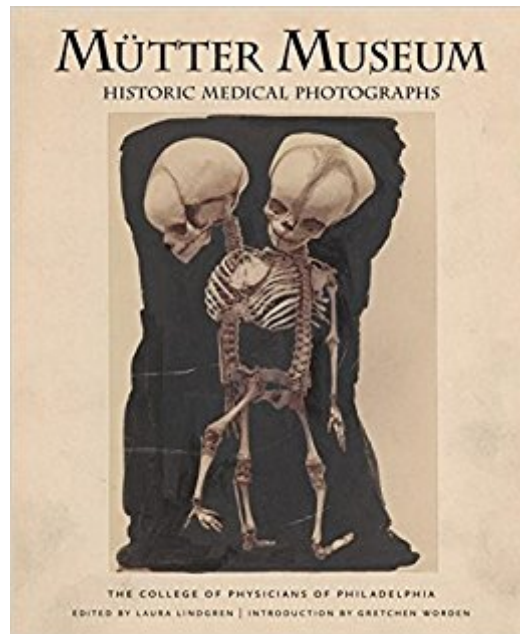




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The first book on the Mütter Museum contains artful images of the museum's fascinating exhibits shot by contemporary fine art photographers. Here, the focus is on the museum's archive of rare historic photographs, most of which have never been seen by the public. Featured are poignant, aesthetically accomplished works ranging from Civil War photographs showing injury and recovery, to the ravages of diseases not yet conquered in the 19th century, to pathological anomalies, to psychological disorders. Many were taken by talented photographers between the 1860s and the 1940s as records for physicians to share among colleagues and to track patients' conditions, and demonstrate various techniques used in medical photography including the daguerreotype, micrography, X ray, and traditional portrait-style photography. As visual documents of what humans endured in the face of limited medical knowledge, these extraordinary and haunting photographs demonstrate how far medicine has advanced.

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Great souvenir of an incredible (but crowded) Philadelphia museum. I bought it on my smart phone from the museum and it was waiting for me when I got home across the country. I feel guilty paying less for it through Amazon than at the museum, but it wouldn't have fit in my luggage.

I lived a couple blocks from this museum while I was in grad school and I kick myself now for never going to see it. This book is awesome. I wish there was a little more description of each photo, but

then again I am a nerd :). The photos are amazing and as a medical practitioner, I think the procedures they did on some of these people 100, 130 years ago, were pretty groundbreaking. Definitely a great buy for anyone interested in oddities

I received this book today, and was caught by the strong photos. I keep putting it on the shelf and picking up again, because it's images keep coming back in your mind. And this is what the book is all about: photos. Printed perfectly. You can see the details, they are big, clear... And they are divided in chapters, what is excellent, since you can browse easily. But no, it's not a voyeur or sadistic book. Actually, for me, it's exactly the opposite: the photos indeed have medical purposes and you can see that they were made not to fulfill someone's desires, but to study and heal the diseases. It's very, very touching the photos of babies and childrens. But the most impressive it's that you can see, in most of cases, the will to survive and to fight the disease. I recommend this book. It's not a book to read during dinner, to show to everybody nor to fulfill secret and disgusting desires. It's a book that show patients and their fight against disease. I just don't give 5 stars because be big, actually a lot bigger. It's like a free sample of every chapter.

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Great book. It's very hefty nice cover and great info inside.

was way less expensive on than what the museum wanted for it. also, this is not for anyone with a weak stomach as there is some pretty disturbing medical stuff in there.

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