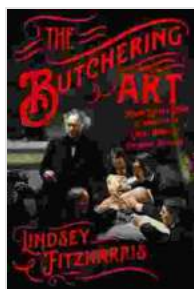


# Joseph Lister: The Man Who Transformed the Grisly World of Victorian Medicine

In the Victorian era, surgery was a terrifying ordeal. Patients faced the risk of infection and death from even the most minor procedures. But one man, Joseph Lister, was determined to change that.

Lister was born in Scotland in 1827. He studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh and graduated in 1852. After working as a surgeon in London and Glasgow, he became the Regius Professor of Surgery at the University of Glasgow in 1860.



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Lister was appalled by the high mortality rate among surgical patients. He realized that infection was the main cause of death, and he set out to find a way to prevent it.

In 1865, Lister began using carbolic acid to clean wounds and surgical instruments. Carbolic acid is a powerful antiseptic, and it was effective in killing bacteria that caused infection. Lister's method of antiseptic surgery revolutionized the practice of surgery.

Lister's work had a profound impact on the medical world. Surgical mortality rates plummeted, and patients were able to recover from operations that would have been fatal just a few years earlier.

Lister's legacy lives on today. His methods of antiseptic surgery are still used in hospitals around the world. He is considered one of the most important figures in the history of medicine.

### **Lister's Early Life**

Lister was born in Upton, Essex, England, on April 5, 1827. He was the son of Joseph Jackson Lister, a wealthy wine merchant, and his wife, Isabella.

Lister showed an early interest in science and medicine. He attended school at Quaker schools in Hitchin and Tottenham. In 1844, he entered University College London to study medicine.

Lister graduated from University College London in 1852. He then worked as a surgeon at University College Hospital and the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

### **Lister's Work in Surgery**

Lister began his surgical career in the 1850s. At that time, surgery was a very dangerous procedure. Patients often died from infection or other complications.

Lister was determined to find a way to reduce the risk of infection. He began experimenting with different antiseptic methods.

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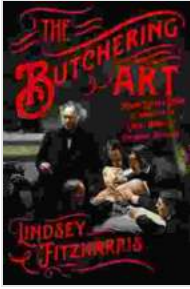
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Joseph Lister was a brilliant surgeon who revolutionized the practice of surgery. His work saved countless lives and made surgery safer for patients.

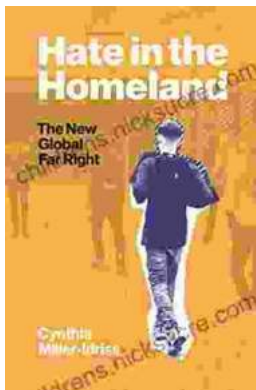
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