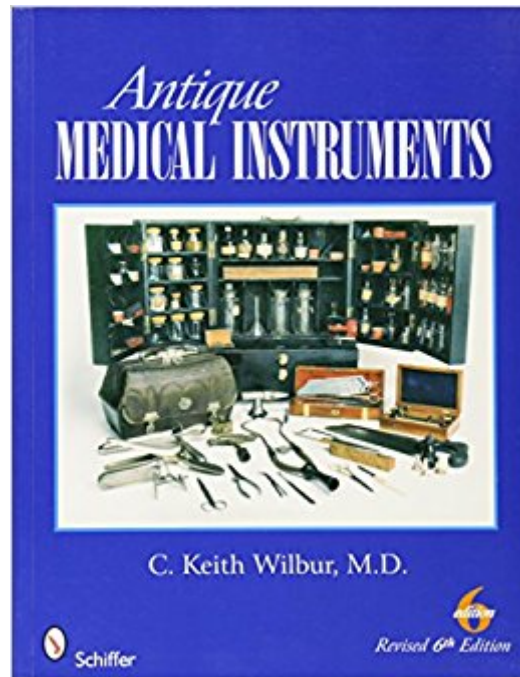




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# Antique Medical Instruments



## Synopsis

Family physician and artist Dr. C. Keith Wilber presents a hand-illustrated tour of medical history via the doctors' instruments. This study chronicles the evolution of a wide range of medical instruments from the mid-1700s through current usage. It includes discussions on microscopes, reflex hammers, stethoscopes, blood pressure instruments, electro-cardiographs, ophthalmoscopes, otoscopes, endoscopes, vaginal specula, thermometers, forceps, bullet probes, bloodletting instruments, vaccination lancets, trepanning tools, and others. This is an important resource for all medical personnel, historians, and collectors.

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Dr. Wilbur attended Vermont Medical School and established a family practice in Northampton, Massachusetts in 1953. The collecting of and writing about medical instruments has been a recent avocation about which Dr. Wilbur has said, "One of my pleasures has been to locate appropriate medical instruments for some of our area museums. It has been something of a treasure hunt..."

I bought this book as reference material for the Steampunk medical doctor persona I am creating. I am very pleased with this book, and the information and images (sketches) contained within it. It has proven very educational and helpful in my endeavors, and I highly recommend it to others who are interested in antique medical devices.

I received the book early and in perfect condition, however, I am very disappointed with the content.

It is written in a kind of Comic San script which is difficult to read. Despite the lovely photo on the cover, there are NO pictures of these instruments. Just childish drawings. There was no "Look Inside The Book" feature. If there were, I would not have bought it. I got it as a gift for a friend who is a retired doctor. I hope he won't be as disappointed as I am.

Gives fantastic pictures and even more (unexpected) history of the instruments and designs. Very pleased with with book and highly recommend it.

Very good for the instruments reviewed. For a more complete compendium, a much larger book would be required.

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