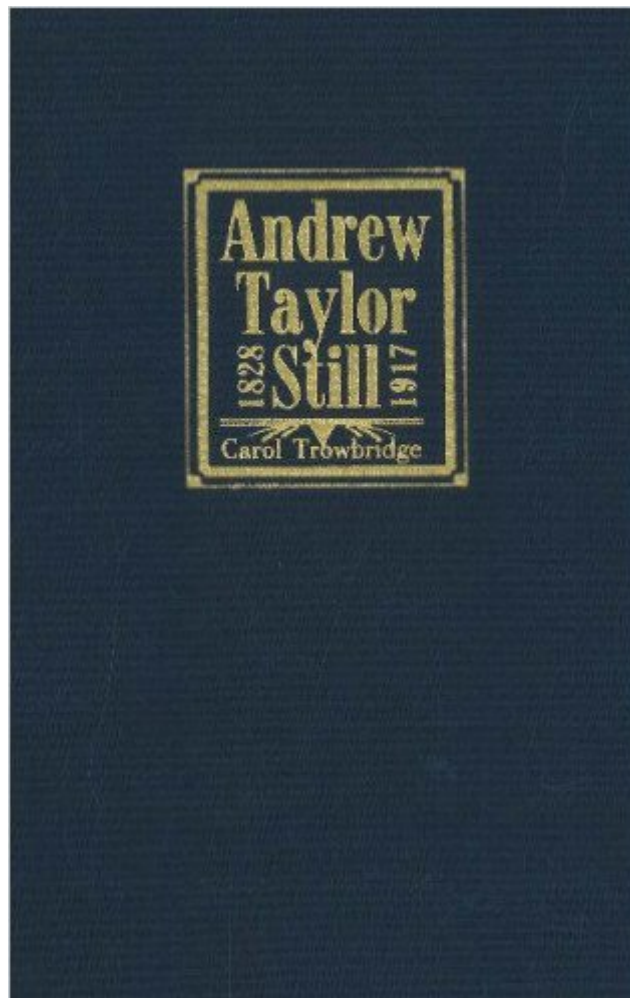


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This is the best book available on the founder of osteopathy, one of today's foremost alternative medicines. Carol Trowbridge has carefully researched Still's life, scrutinizing hundreds of letters, personal papers, and other original documents. Trowbridge also places Still in the dynamic intellectual and medical developments at the turn of the century. Still emerges as a physician on the cutting edge of medicine and as a true pioneer.

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Originally I was not able to read this book, just having come from the autobiography which has a generous clear typeface whereas this book, at least this edition, has too small a typeface and I needed a magnifying glass. Once I had exhausted the other resources on Dr. Still, I came back to this one and found its true value. Ms. Trowbridge has done a wonderful job of gathering together scholarly sources to reconstruct the times that Andrew Taylor Still's parents lived through in Missouri and Kansas. She has accomplished, I think, a fine and credible reconstruction of the prairie environments, the 1800s with all the themes and influences that are later to be reflected in the wonderfully compelling life and vision of Dr. Still. So my first review was less appreciative and I think now that not all readers will be uncomfortable with the typeface or the extended historical reconstruction of the times. I am glad and grateful that Ms. Trowbridge went to all the trouble and produced this wonderful study. Once I could make the effort to accommodate the typeface, I could appreciate the book. By drawing on Dr. Still's autobiography and weaving it together with the issues

of those times . . . the advances in engines, the conflicting approaches to medicine, the prairie protestant movements, the influences of John Wesley, Herbert Spencer, Emanuel Swedenborg, the relationships with Native American Tribes, the conflicting issues over slavery to the extent that it split the Methodist Episcopal Church -- the entire tapestry of the times -- plus the influences and forces on Dr. Still and his entirely distinctive relationship with spiritualism, faith, disappointment in chemical medicine, and the lessons and heartaches of losses in the family and the relevant lessons of the Civil War years. Really, a feast. The next edition needs a better typeface. For me.

Definitely enjoyed reading this book. Missouri history is fascinating as well as of course A.T. Still and his legacy. One of my doctors graduated from here and one of my children attends here now. The benefits of osteopathic teachings will only increase in the U.S.

Andrew Taylor Still: 1828-1917 is the biography of a truly remarkable man of medicine. After three of his children died from meningitis in 1864, he focused his life upon finding the cause of and cure for the disease. Still created the philosophy of osteopathy, an approach to health care emphasizing the musculoskeletal system, eschewing drugs. A pioneer of holistic medicine who was never fully understood by his peers and colleagues, Still's practice and his devotion to patient-centered care permanently changed the field of medicine, up to the present day. Andrew Taylor Still 1828-1917 is an absorbing biography of a little-known yet far-reaching man of medicine and learning, highly recommended especially for college library collections.

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