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Just how much good has medicine done over the years? And how much damage does it continue to do? The history of medicine begins with Hippocrates in the fifth century BC.

Historian David Wootton seeks to restore the concept of progress to medical historiography. Contrary to the postmodernist fashion, Wootton argues that, in terms of alleviating pain, shortening illness and prolonging life, practitioners of modern medical science have made major advances on their predecessors.

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We all face disease and death, and rely on the medical profession to extend our lives. Yet, David Wootton argues, from the fifth century BC until the 1930s, doctors actually did more harm than good.

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Reading this book increased my lack of confidence in the competence of the medical industry. Author's conclusions about bad medicine seem to me to also apply to many other "professional" fields as well like education and law.

Although *Bad Medicine* is short, Wootton has written "three books in one." In the first part he surveys a tradition of therapy that survived for 2300 years, from Hippocrates until the early 20th century.

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