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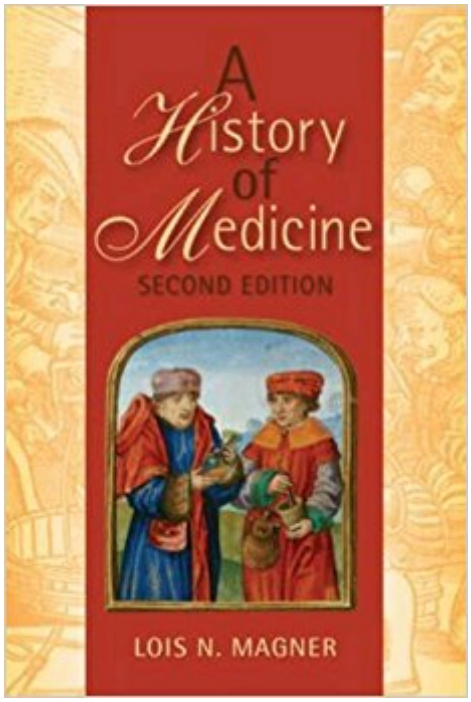

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the vast amounts of knowledge within this book make it a great read. If you are interested in medicine I suggest that you purchase this book or at least another great history of medicine book. I am glad I purchased this book as after reading it I felt that such a book was necessary to keep on my shelf for as long as I have a bookshelf.

This is the best general textbook that I have found. (Ackerknecht’s is old and assusmes too much

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