

Disability in Public: The History of Disability



Disability in Public traces the history of disability from ancient times to the present day. The book examines how people with disabilities have been perceived, treated, and accommodated in different societies, and how these perceptions and treatments have changed over time. Disability in Public is an essential resource for anyone interested in the history of disability, and it offers a unique perspective on the ways in which people with disabilities have shaped our societies.

Ancient Times

In ancient times, people with disabilities were often seen as a burden on society. They were often excluded from public life and were often the subject of discrimination and violence. However, there were also some societies that were more accepting of people with disabilities. In ancient

Greece, for example, people with disabilities were often given special privileges and were even allowed to participate in the Olympic Games.



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The Middle Ages

During the Middle Ages, people with disabilities were often seen as being possessed by demons or as being cursed by God. They were often treated with cruelty and were often excluded from society. However, there were also some religious leaders who spoke out against the mistreatment of people with disabilities. In the 13th century, for example, St. Francis of Assisi founded the Free Brotherhood of the Friars Minor, which provided care for people with disabilities.

The Renaissance

During the Renaissance, there was a growing interest in the study of human anatomy and physiology. This led to a new understanding of the causes of disability, and it also led to the development of new treatments for people with disabilities. The Renaissance also saw the rise of the

humanist movement, which emphasized the importance of individual dignity and worth. This led to a more positive view of people with disabilities, and it also led to the development of a number of new educational opportunities for people with disabilities.

The Enlightenment

The Enlightenment was a period of great intellectual and social change. This period saw the rise of the scientific method and the development of new ideas about the nature of human beings. These new ideas led to a more enlightened view of people with disabilities, and it also led to the development of new educational and vocational opportunities for people with disabilities.

The 19th Century

The 19th century saw the rise of the medical model of disability. This model viewed disability as a medical problem that could be cured or treated. This led to the development of a number of new medical interventions for people with disabilities. However, the medical model of disability also led to the exclusion of people with disabilities from society. People with disabilities were often seen as being unable to work or to participate in public life.

The 20th Century

The 20th century saw the rise of the social model of disability. This model views disability as a social construct that is created by the way that society treats people with disabilities. This model led to a new focus on the rights of people with disabilities, and it also led to the development of a number of new policies and programs to support people with disabilities.

The 21st Century

The 21st century has seen continued progress in the rights of people with disabilities. In 2006, the United Nations adopted the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which is the first international human rights treaty to specifically address the rights of people with disabilities. This treaty has been ratified by over 180 countries, and it has led to a number of new laws and policies to support people with disabilities.

Disability in Public is a comprehensive and authoritative history of disability. The book provides a unique perspective on the ways in which people with disabilities have shaped our societies, and it offers a powerful argument for the inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of public life.



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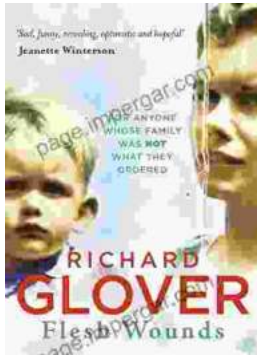
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