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Gedeon, Andras. **Science and technology in medicine: an illustrated account based on ninety-five landmark publications from five centuries.** Springer, 2006. 551p bibl index afp ISBN [0-387-27874-5](#), \$89.95; ISBN [9780387278742](#), \$89.95. Reviewed in 2006dec CHOICE. • **New from Springer** •

This reference work is divided into 99 numbered sections that provide paragraph-long biographies and assessments for 96 individuals whose research or invention has significantly contributed to the practice of medicine since 1528. The book also provides a précis of these authors' publications, which are treated within the sections. The basis for assigning these individuals their own sections appears eclectic. (The sole distaff section is that of Marie S. Curie.) Andreas Vesalius, William Harvey, and Giovanni Morgagni are excluded. Johannes Kepler, Louis Daguerre, René Laennec, and Hermann von Helmholtz are included, along with Joseph Lister, Gregor Mendel, and Louis Pasteur. A bibliography, time line, and diagram of interrelationships conclude this work. Sections are well documented with footnotes and illustrations from original writings. An index provides access to salient medical figures who are mentioned in the text but do not have their own sections. The letters W and V are interfiled in the index. **Summing Up:** Recommended. Health sciences libraries and academic libraries supporting a health sciences curriculum; all levels. -- R. D. Arcari, *University of Connecticut School of Medicine*

Note: The subtitle of Dr. Gedeon's book is *An Illustrated Account Based on Ninety-nine (rather than Ninety-five) Landmark Publications from Five Centuries*. The Choice staff regrets this error.