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## The Infirmary: Physician Out Of Passion

- The history of medicine and women's rights told opulently and thrillingly with much knowledge



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### Two generations - one dream: to become a physician

Würzburg in the 19th Century: Banker's daughter Viviana Winkelmann dreams of becoming a physician, even though women have not been allowed to study since 1800. When young Viviana falls in love with a man below her station and falls pregnant, her family throw her out of their home. In order to keep her and her daughter Ella above water, the once elegant Viviana takes work as an assistant in the apothecary of the renowned Julius Infirmary in Würzburg. But is that really all she, as a woman, can achieve with her life? She listens in to the lectures by famous physicians at the infirmary and meets Professor Virchow, who is on the verge of discovering a world breakthrough. She has but one wish: to become a physician.

"Magical, psychologically excellently structured and very much worth a read!" Karfunkel on "Die Mutter des Satans" (The Mother Of Satan).

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## The Infirmary: Doctor In Stormy Times

- A novel about the period when women fought for their right to study medicine



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Just like her grandmother Viviana Winkelmann, Henrike fights for women's rights: to a self-determined life and to be allowed to study medicine. Her desire to heal people is so strong that she secretly works as a reserve attendant at the Julius Infirmary lunatic asylum, which these days has been turned upside down by Professor Röntgen's discovery of "magic beams". Her dream is to soothe the suffering of the mentally ill as a psychiatrist and to study under the renowned Professor Rieger at the infirmary. But when Henrike falls in love with a French student of medicine, her secrets come to light. Shortly after, there is a tuberculosis epidemic in Würzburg and suddenly it is a matter of life and death for Henrike. Her dream of studying medicine and of women being allowed to study moves further away.

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