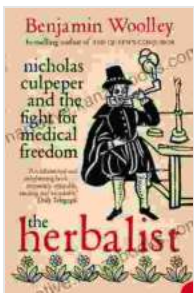


# Nicholas Culpeper: The Fight for Medical Freedom

Nicholas Culpeper was a 17th-century English herbalist and astrologer who fought for the right of people to have access to affordable healthcare. He was a pioneer in the field of herbal medicine, and his work helped to make herbal remedies available to the general public.



## The Herbalist: Nicholas Culpeper and the Fight for Medical Freedom by Benjamin Woolley

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Culpeper was born in 1616 in London, England. He was the son of a clergyman, and he received a classical education. However, Culpeper was more interested in the natural world than in books. He spent his free time studying plants and animals, and he became an expert in herbal medicine.

In 1642, the English Civil War broke out. Culpeper joined the Parliamentary army, and he served as a surgeon. He saw firsthand the horrors of war, and he was appalled by the lack of medical care for the

wounded. After the war, Culpeper returned to London and began to write about herbal medicine.

In 1652, Culpeper published his most famous work, *The English Physician Enlarged*. This book was a guide to herbal medicine, and it was written in a clear and concise style that made it accessible to the general public. *The English Physician Enlarged* was a huge success, and it went through many editions. It helped to make herbal medicine more popular, and it inspired other herbalists to write their own books.

Culpeper was a strong advocate for medical freedom. He believed that people should have the right to choose their own healthcare providers, and he fought against the efforts of the medical establishment to suppress herbal medicine. In 1653, Culpeper was arrested and charged with practicing medicine without a license. He was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine. However, Culpeper refused to pay the fine, and he continued to practice herbal medicine.

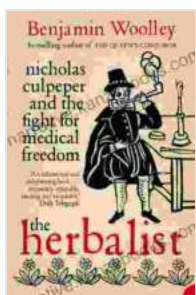
Culpeper died in 1654 at the age of 38. He was a martyr for the cause of medical freedom, and his work helped to pave the way for the modern healthcare system.

### **Culpeper's Legacy**

Culpeper's legacy is as a champion of medical freedom. He fought for the right of people to have access to affordable healthcare, and he helped to make herbal medicine available to the general public. Culpeper's work has inspired generations of herbalists, and his books continue to be used by people all over the world.

In addition to his work on herbal medicine, Culpeper was also an astrologer. He believed that the stars and planets had an influence on human health, and he used astrology to help his patients. Culpeper's astrological work has been less influential than his work on herbal medicine, but it is still an important part of his legacy.

Nicholas Culpeper was a remarkable man who made significant contributions to the field of medicine. He was a pioneer in the field of herbal medicine, and he fought for the right of people to have access to affordable healthcare. Culpeper's legacy is as a champion of medical freedom, and his work continues to inspire people all over the world.



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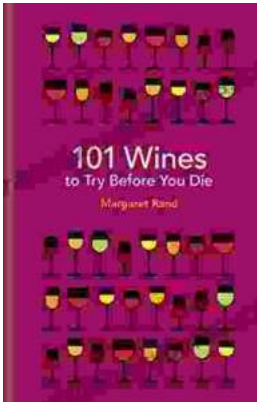
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