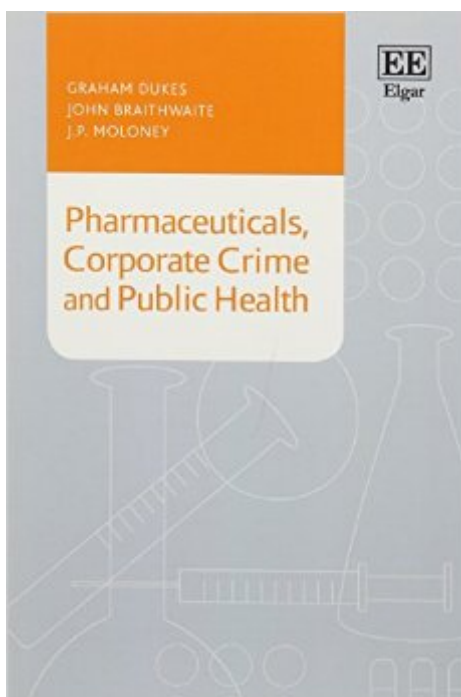


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'Dukes, Braithwaite and Moloney reach the depressing conclusion that 'corporate crime in the pharmaceutical industry appears to be on the rise.' Their approach to this problem is much more nuanced than just throwing people in jail. They advocate for a pyramid of regulatory strategies including qui tam legislation and equity fines. There is an opportunity for a radical transformation of the pharmaceutical industry and the authors offer us a road map to begin that journey.'- Joel Lexchin MD, York University, Canada

Given the provenance, this book was always going to be excellent, but it exceeded my highest expectations. It is one of those rare works that combine true scholarship with great imagination and ends up also a real pleasure to read. The breadth of analysis is remarkable and the modelling for better futures is superb. It is more than a must read book; it is a must heed commentary, a blueprint for better public health that would be perilous to ignore.'- Charles Medawar, Founder of Social Audit and author of Power and Dependence: Social Audit on the Safety of Medicines

The pharmaceutical industry must exist to serve the community, but over the years it has engaged repeatedly in corporate crime and anti-social behavior, with the public footing the bill. This readable study by experts in medicine, law, criminology and public health, with deep experience of the industry, documents problems ranging from false advertising and counterfeiting to corruption, fraud and overpricing. It is a fresh and revealing look at the unacceptable pressures brought to bear on doctors, politicians, patients and the media. Uniquely, the book presents realistic and worldwide solutions for the future, with positive policies encouraging honest dealing, as well as partial privatization of enforcement and a transformation of science policy to develop the medicines that society needs most. The authors examine in turn each of the main facets of the pharmaceutical industry's activities - research, manufacturing, information, distribution and pricing - as well as some questionable aspects of its relationship with society. Offering a considered analysis of pharmaceutical rights and wrongs as they have developed, particularly over the last half-century, this book is rich in new insights for managers in the pharmaceutical industry, regulatory agencies and health agencies.

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THE ETHICS OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY SCRUTINIZED AND EXPLORED WITH A VIEW TO EFFECTING CHANGEAn appreciation by Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor of Richmond Green ChambersIf youâ™ve ever been acquainted with a book entitled â^The Age of Agonyâ™, youâ™d recall that the agonized era of the title was the eighteenth century, often called the Enlightenment. It was a time of exploration -- and scientific, literary, legal and artistic endeavour -- and the odd political revolution or two; often launched by idealists who envisaged a better, freer existence for the common man. There was one freedom though, that these enterprising folk truly lacked: the freedom from pain. For everything from the pain of dentistry, war wounds and childbirth to headaches, colds and flu, there was simply no effective relief or remedy. Surgical operations were performed as a last resort without anesthetics, which hadnâ™t been invented yet -- and as for headaches, imagine an age without aspirin. It is interesting therefore, to read this book, published by Edward Elgar and somewhat alarmingly entitled â^Pharmaceuticals, Corporate Crime and Public Health.â™ Yes, we now have medicines and drugs of various kinds which so many of us use to relieve pain and cure ills. These, almost without exception, are researched, developed and produced by the pharmaceutical industry, the industry which, as the expert authors point out, provides the means to bring them to the market â “ and herein lies a bit of a problem. We as members of the general public depend on the pharmaceutical industry to produce drugs and other preparations that will help us rather than harm us â “ and hence the need for standards and for strict regulation.

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