

movement during the German Empire. The book centres on the movement's most important association, the Deutscher Bund der Vereine für Gesundheitspflege und arzneilose Heilweise. The association was founded in 1889 and renamed Deutscher Bund der Vereine für naturgemäße Lebens- und Heilweise in 1900. Regin regards the emergence of the nature therapy movement during the late nineteenth century as a critical response to modern scientific medicine and the process of "medicalization", which was initiated during the late eighteenth century and came to fruition during the nineteenth century. She examines the social, cultural and medical context in which the movement developed. The foundation of the Deutscher Bund and its organizational structure is outlined, and the social composition of its leader- and membership is analysed. According to the author, the Deutscher Bund had members from virtually all social classes and was successful in attracting and uniting followers with differing ideological convictions by maintaining internally and externally a party political neutrality. Regin also gives detailed attention to the medical and cultural theories that informed the Deutscher Bund, as well as its campaigns, beliefs, and areas of activity. Furthermore, she explores the relationship between the medical profession and the nature therapy movement. She examines how the continuous expansion of the latter clashed with the attempts by physicians to professionalize and she charts how they attempted to curtail and discredit the movement as part of their campaign against quackery. The comprehensive volume ends with an examination of the attitudes and actions of governments and local authorities with regard to the nature therapy movement.

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Reviewing the hardback edition of this work, John Harley Warner (*Medical History*, 1994, 38: 471–3) wrote: "Bynum and Porter have taken on an immensely difficult task and executed it brilliantly. No student of the history of medicine will be able to ignore this encyclopedia, which belongs on the shelves of every serious library. . . . Together, the editors and contributors have produced the best synthetic statement we have of the current state of medical history, and the field is greatly in their debt."

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