

# How Sideshow Doctor Saved Thousands Of Babies And Transformed American Medicine



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In the early 1900s, a sideshow doctor named Dr. John Brinkley was making a fortune by performing surgeries on babies that he claimed would cure them of various ailments. Brinkley's surgeries were often crude and dangerous, and many babies died as a result. However, Brinkley's work also helped to save the lives of thousands of babies who would have otherwise died from birth defects or other medical conditions.

Brinkley was born in 1885 in North Carolina. He began his career as a medicine show salesman, but he soon realized that he could make more money by performing surgeries. In 1913, he opened a clinic in Milford, Kansas, and began to offer a variety of surgeries, including circumcisions, tonsillectomies, and appendectomies.

Brinkley's surgeries were often performed in unsanitary conditions, and he used little or no anesthesia. As a result, many babies died from infection or shock. However, Brinkley's surgeries were also successful in saving the lives of many babies who would have otherwise died from birth defects or other medical conditions.

In 1930, Brinkley was arrested and charged with practicing medicine without a license. He was convicted and sentenced to two years in prison. However, he was released after serving only a few months of his sentence.

After his release from prison, Brinkley continued to practice medicine, but he was now more careful to avoid being caught by the authorities. He moved his clinic to Mexico, and he began to offer a new surgery that he claimed would cure impotence. This surgery was also dangerous, and it resulted in the deaths of several men.

In 1942, Brinkley was arrested again and charged with murder. He was convicted and sentenced to death. However, he was granted a new trial, and he was eventually acquitted.

Brinkley died in 1948 at the age of 63. He was a controversial figure, but there is no doubt that he saved the lives of thousands of babies. His work also helped to transform American medicine, and he is considered to be one of the pioneers of modern surgery.



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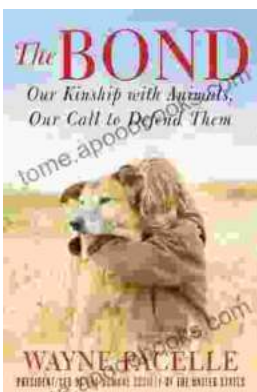
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