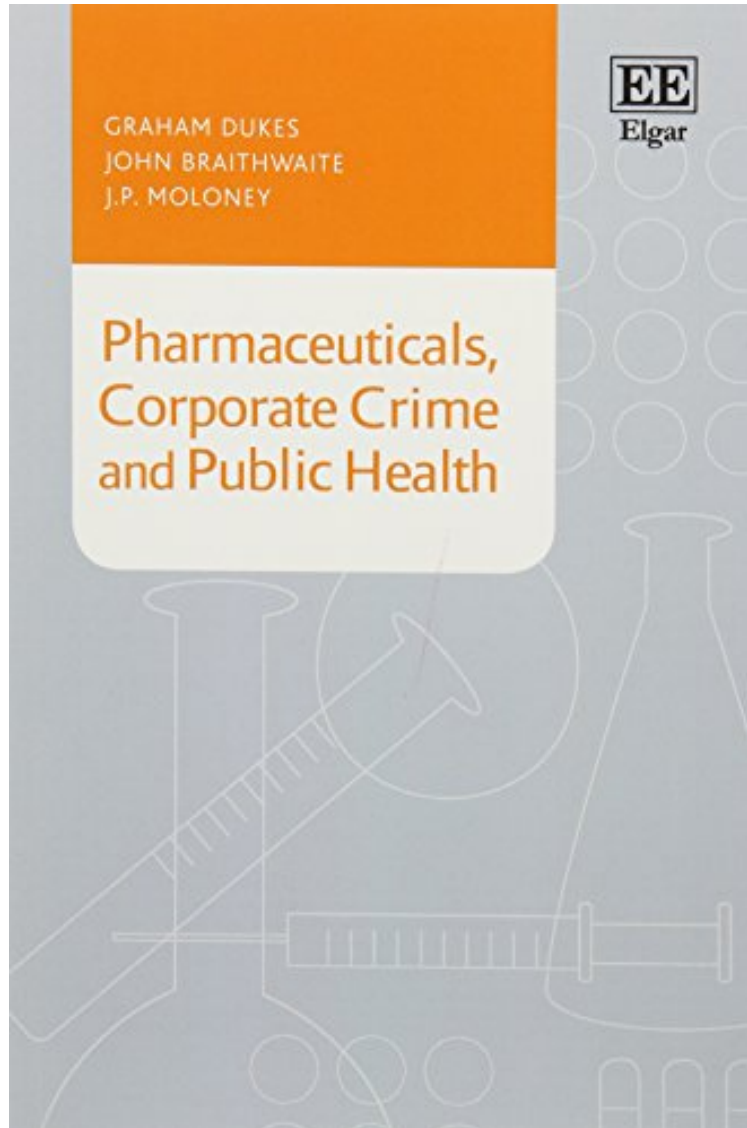


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eighteenth century, often called the Enlightenment. It was a time of exploration -- and scientific, literary, legal and artistic endeavour -- and the odd political revolution or two; often launched by idealists who envisaged a better, freer existence 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 hadn'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 *Pharmaceuticals, Corporate Crime and Public Health*. Yes, we now have medicines and drugs of various kinds which so many of us use to relieve pain and cure illness. 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 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 and hence the need for standards and for strict regulation. To put it in very basic terms, say the three authors, does a drug -- be it new or old deserve a place on the pharmacy shelf? The answer, they add, is that a pharmaceutical preparation should be efficacious and safe and of acceptable quality -- even though it must be recognized that neither of these terms is absolute. The public generally take for granted that the laws, regulations and standards pertaining to the pharmaceutical industry actually work and for the most part they do, except when something goes terribly and tragically wrong; the thalidomide disaster is the case that most readily comes to mind. With their experience in pharmaceuticals, as well as law, medicine and public health, the authors of this book do a first class job of exploring the faults and flaws within an industry upon which the public is so dependent. Dismayingly, they conclude with some reluctance that corporate crime in the pharmaceutical industry appears to be on the rise. And while they cite the industry's positive achievements, they also take a frank and focused look at its less creditable side. Professor Graham Dukes and his colleagues Professor John Braithwaite and J P Moloney have offered a carefully considered analysis of the rights and wrongs perpetrated within the pharmaceutical industry over the last 50 years, with a view to recommending ways to effect change. Each of the industry's main facets is scrutinized, from research and manufacturing to distribution and pricing. This is a work of impressive scholarship written with clarity and style. Lawyers, doctors, policy makers, or indeed anyone concerned with issues relating to corporate crime in general -- and pharmaceuticals in particular -- will find it a fascinating read. The publication date is cited as at 2014.

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