



Smoking Kills: The Revolutionary Life of Richard Doll (Paperback)

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Signal Books Ltd, United Kingdom, 2014. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. At the end of the Second World War, Britain had the highest incidence of lung cancer in the world. For the first time lung cancer deaths exceeded those from tuberculosis - and no one knew why. On 30 September 1950, a young physician named Richard Doll concluded in a research paper that smoking cigarettes was a cause and an important cause of the rapidly increasing epidemic of lung cancer. His historic and contentious finding marked the beginning of a life-long crusade against premature death and the forces of Big Tobacco . Born in 1912, Doll, a natural patrician, jettisoned his Establishment background and joined the Communist Party as a reaction to the anarchy and waste of capitalism in the 1930s. He treated the blistered feet of the Jarrow Marchers, served as a medical officer at the retreat to Dunkirk, and became a true hero of the NHS. A political revolutionary and an epidemiologist with a Darwinian heart-of-stone, Doll fulfilled his early ambition to be a valuable member of society . Doll steered a course through a minefield of medical and political controversy. Opponents from the...



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