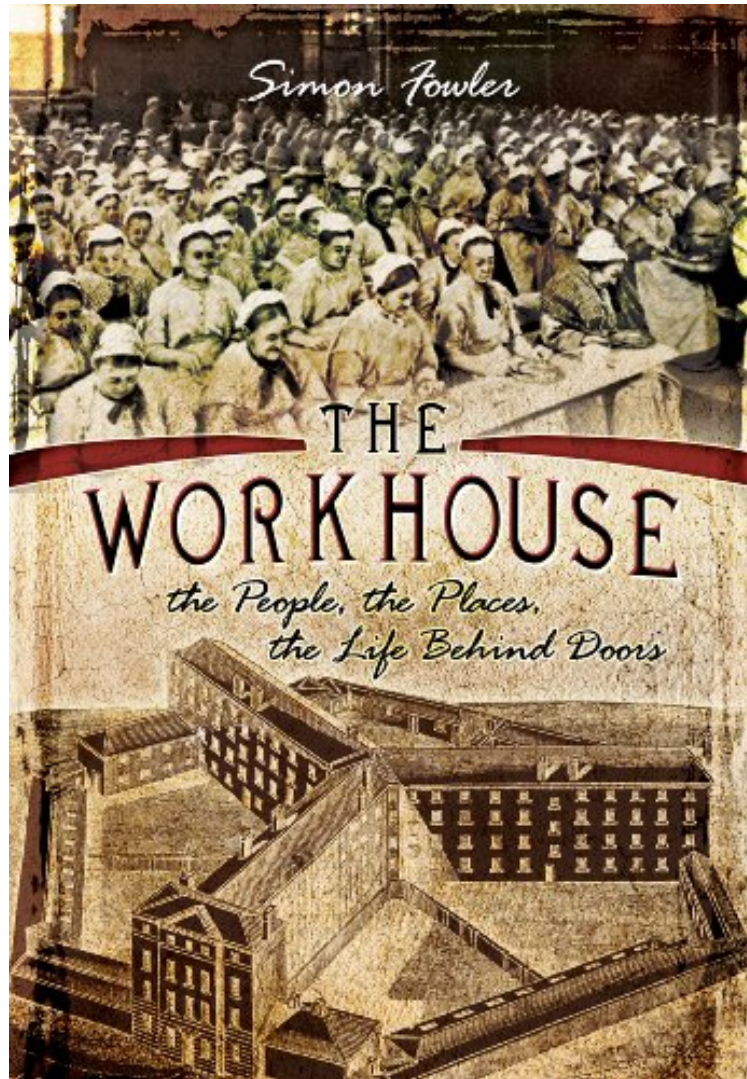


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. interesting read By JillinoisRN Very interesting. I got interested in the history of the workhouses after falling in love with "Call the Midwife", with Mrs. Jenkins episode. What a heartbreaking story. And, then found out that people had to "apply" to go into the workhouses- they didn't take 'riffraff' poor- only the 'respectable' poor who had no options other than living on the streets. SO sad..

'The stories of those who lived in the shadow of the workhouse' During the nineteenth century the workhouse cast a shadow over the lives of the poor. The destitute and the desperate sought refuge within its forbidding walls. And it was an ever-present threat if poor families failed to look after themselves properly. As a result a grim mythology has grown up about the horrors of the house and the mistreatment meted out to the innocent pauper. In this fully updated and revised edition of his best-selling book, Simon Fowler takes a fresh look at the workhouse and the people who sought help from it. He looks at how the system of the Poor Law of which the workhouse was a key part was organized and the men and women who ran the workhouses or were employed to care for the inmates. But above all this is the moving story of the tens of thousands of children, men, women and the elderly who were forced to endure grim conditions to survive in an unfeeling world. 'A poignant account ... draws powerfully on letters from The National Archives ... [Simon Fowler] brings out the horror, but it is fair-minded to those struggling to be humane within an inhumane system,' *The Independent* 'A good introduction,' *The Guardian*. The history of workhouses and poverty ('misery history') has recently been prominently covered on TV shows like *WDYT YA?* and *ITV's Secrets from the Workhouse*, and referenced in historical dramas like *The Village* and *Ripper Street*.

About the Author Simon Fowler is editor of the genealogy magazine *Ancestors* and writes widely on family and social history topics. Previous books include the successful *Family Skeletons* with Ruth Paley, as well as *The Joys of Family History* and several of the National Archives prestigious *Pocket Guide* history series. His articles have been published widely in popular history magazines including *BBC History* and *History Today*.