
John Hunter, even more remarkable than his remarkable brother, William, was an anatomist and surgeon, practicing in London. He lacked the education and culture of his brother, yet his tireless energy helped him to overcome whatever obstacles his educational and cultural lacks may have provided. "Hunter remains one of the great all-round biologists like Haller and Johannes Müller, and with Paré and Lister, one of the three greatest surgeons of all time. . . . Hunter found surgery a mechanical art and left it an experimental science" (Fielding H. Garrison). One of Hunter's most important works was this treatise on the teeth. It was the first scientific study of the teeth and is basic to all modern dentistry.