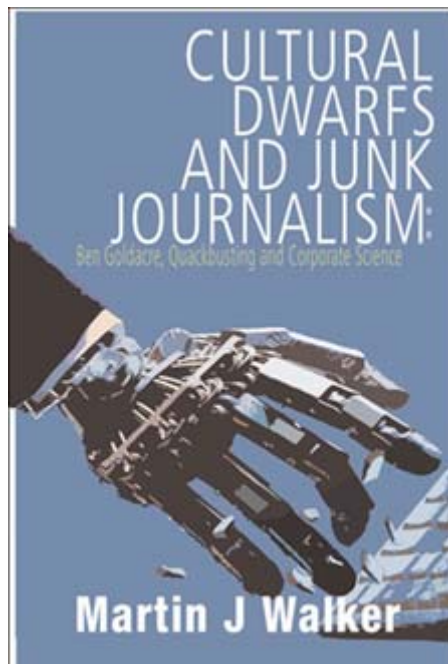


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[Cultural Dwarves and Junk Journalism](#) is yet another book triumph for award winning investigative writer Martin J Walker. Blowing the lid off Dr Ben Goldacre's involvement in the sinister New Labour industry lobby groups - known as The Lobby throughout the book - Walker meticulously unpicks and reveals how Goldacre and the UK Guardian national newspaper have deliberately attempted to suppress the ethics and morality of science on a substantial scale.

Although nutritionist Patrick Holford is used as the principle example of The Lobby's activities in Walker's new book, many other individuals and groups are illustrated as victims of the pro-industrialist corporate science

lobbyists.

It is impossible with such a well written and researched book as this to do all the aspects of it proper justice in a review, unless the review itself is of almost equal length to the book. Instead, I shall merely confine myself to highlighting a few key areas that I know will spark the interest of One Click contributors and readers, whilst advising in the strongest possible terms the downloading of this formidable free book by you all. As with any book produced on a limited budget, for downloads prior to 3 January 2008 an [Erratum Sheet](#) can be found on the Slingshot Publications website. Please check regularly to update your free e-book with any corrections.

Cultural Dwarves and Junk Journalism trenchantly reveals that as a mere Junior Doctor with but one co-authored academic paper to his dubious credit, Ben Goldacre has astonishingly been given a platform by the Guardian UK national newspaper to junk journalist attack, belittle, satirize, castigate, vilify and malign many of those who give voice to adverse drug reactions, vaccine damage, multiple chemical sensitivity, the environmental causes of cancer and a whole raft of other scientific/medical issues besides.

No matter how much junk journo Junior Doctor support has doubtless been provided by flawed and tainted Guardian Health Editor Sarah Boseley, Goldacre's days of attempting to purposefully mislead the general public in his Bad Science column in a national newspaper are now over with the publication of this book. Goldacre should be made to resign from the Guardian with immediate effect. The evidence is incontrovertible: Goldacre To Go - Quackbuster Busted.

Walker goes into considerable detail as to Goldacre's educational background and where he is currently 'medically' employed - an item the subject of much denial and prevarication by the Guardian.

Whereas exposure of the vested interests of the pharmaceutical industry are becoming increasingly common public currency right around the world, the vested interests of selected quack journalists often remain entirely cloaked by mendacious, sock puppet 'integrity'.

Suffice it to say that nowhere are Goldacre's sock puppet bad science morés more clearly displayed than in his close professional association with psychiatrist Professor Simon Wessely, The Lobby architect of continuous assault on those suffering from such illnesses tagged as Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) and Gulf War.

Speaking together at the [Liaison of Psychiatry Faculty Conference](#) in Newcastle in March 2008, Goldacre will be 'sitting at Simon's knee and doing what Simon says' in the time-honoured tradition of the Wessely grooming and developing of other young and impressionable placements. (*Cultural Dwarves and Junk Journalism*, page 43, paragraph one).

No book on quackbusting activities and the British corporate science lobby would be complete without the utter evisceration of Dr Charles Shepherd, Medical Adviser and Trustee of the moribund ME Association charity. (*Cultural Dwarves and Junk Journalism*, pages 143 - 146).

Shepherd and Simon Wessely were founder members of the Campaign against Health Fraud in the late 1980s. Currently rabidly defending the psychiatric model of ME in his support of the 'CFS/ME clinics' in the UK run by the psychiatric lobby to provide patient fodder for the scientifically fraudulent [PACE psychiatric trial](#), Shepherd does his vested interests best in the battle against Patrick Holford, vitamins and food supplements.

Martin Walker states: "At the height of his absurdities, Dr Shepherd was responsible for writing one of the most bizarre, alarmist anti-vitamin articles in the history of British anti-quackery."

Shepherd's attempts to destroy The One Click Group and wreck the lives of ME/CFS labelled children are vividly described in *Cultural Dwarfs and Junk Journalism*, pages 145/146.

I would like to conclude this Review by pointing out just how lucky we are to have a writer the calibre of Martin Walker in our midst. Ceaselessly working on our collective behalf with much of the material researched and written by him completely free of charge, Walker deserves the greatest accolade that we can possibly provide.

If you would like Martin Walker to continue to do this extraordinarily empowering work on our behalf, I would suggest that you get on to the [Slingshot Publications](#) website, put your hands in your pockets and buy the books that he has made available. No one can deliver such high quality work whilst attempting to run on fresh air alone. Please help Martin to help us.

The meticulous research contained in Walker's new book represents the funeral pyre of Ben Goldacre's reputation. The Guardian UK national newspaper is ultimately responsible for the Dr Ben Goldacre fiasco and as such it should be held directly accountable for this by the public, both internationally and in Britain.

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