The pharmaceutical century

General and background reading

Weatherall, M. (1990) In search of a cure: a history of pharmaceutical discovery OUP.

Readings:
Weatherall Chap 3.

2. Interwar growth and specialisation, 1920-1939

chap 4, ‘origins of biological standardisation’ 20-3 1.

3. Antibiotics: 1939-1950, and beyond


4. Post war public health 1950s

5. Drugs for the mind 1950s present

Healy has also edited a number of books of interviews with psychopharmacologists and the development of this specialised field.


6. Thalidomide and Problems 1950s-1960s


FDA History at www.fda.gov/oclhistory.


Weatherall, M. Chapter 14.

7. ‘The Pill’ and pills – 1960s-1970s


Djerassi, C. (200 1)This man’s pill: reflections on the --th birthday of the pill OUP.

8. Maintenance and enhancement, 1970s onwards


For light reading try John Le Cane’s The constant gardener.
10. Genes, cancer and the biotech industry 1980 present