

The Life and
Times of
Florence
Nightingale

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Florence Nightingale was born in the Italian city of Florence in 1820. She was named after the place where she was born. She had an older sister called Parthenope and she was two years older than Florence. Florence Nightingale believed in God and thought that God had told her to be a nurse.



Most women like Florance were expected to marry but she went against her parents wishes and didn't want to marry a man. She wanted to become a nurse instead and help save lives.

In 1845, Florence travelled to Germany and became a nurse. She then heard about the awful Crimean War in 1854 and decided to travel to Scutari with a team of nurses to help soldiers to help better.



1820 - 1910

The very first requirement in a hospital is that it should do the sick no harm.

Florence decided to go to Scutari in Turkey to help out in the Crimean War. Florence cleaned the hospital with 38 dedicated nurses. They gave the soldiers beds to sleep in, decent food to eat and clean clothes and bandages so that they didn't die of their injuries and infection. She made some people go home if they were well enough.



She was awarded loads of medals like the Red Cross in 1883 and the Order of Merit in 1907. She wrote lots of books about nursing that some people still use today. She died in her sleep on the 13th August 1910 in London when she was 90 years old.

Every year on her birthday 12th May, lots of people celebrate International Nurses Day because of the work that Florence Nightingale did all those years ago.



