

ERNST ABBE

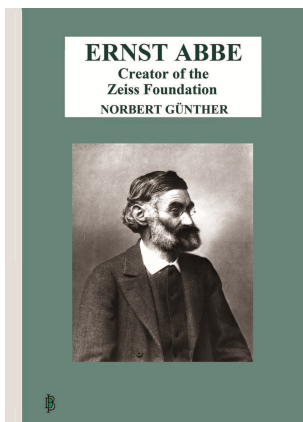
Creator of the Zeiss Foundation

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The name Zeiss is known throughout the world for its association with high quality optical instruments and components. Far less well known is the name of the first scientist who worked for the firm in Jena, who eventually became its owner after the death of Carl Zeiss and who set up the Zeiss Foundation, which still exists today. This man, Ernst Abbe (1840–1905), deserves to be better known, not only for his scientific work but also for his idealism and his social and philanthropic endeavours. This translation provides the only complete, but not too technical, biography of Abbe in English. It is intended not only to remedy the ignorance of Abbe's life and

work by many scientists but also to introduce this fascinating character to a wider circle of readers .

The book necessarily also contains a great deal about the early history of the firm of Zeiss in Jena and its sister firm of Schott, from their foundations to the death of Abbe, and the epilogue by the original author, who was an employee of Zeiss, takes the story up to 1948 .

A set of notes helps the non-technical reader to understand better some sections of the text and a biographical index adds a little flesh to the over 160 scientists and others mentioned in the book.



The book is a perfect-bound A5 pb of xiv + 184 pages with a frontispiece and 21 illustrations in the text. It is obtainable from bookshops, price £15, and from the publisher at 2 Welburn Avenue, Leeds LS16 5HJ for £17, including post and packing in the UK, payable by cheque to *D.I.Bower* or through PayPal. For purchasers overseas post and packing will be charged at cost. Enquiries to david@dibower.co.uk.