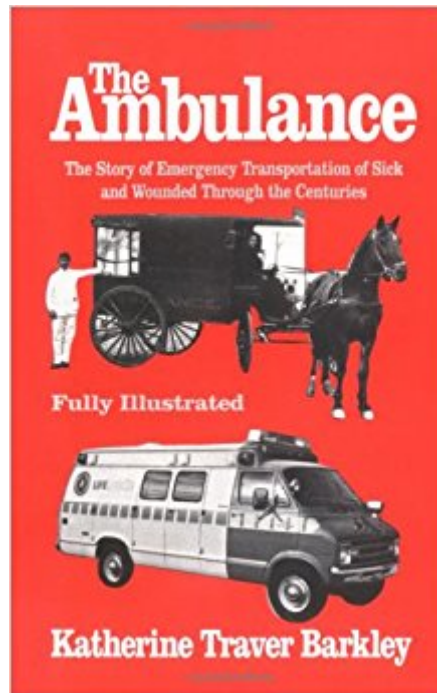




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In the Spring of 1989, while researching a proposal for an ambulance exhibit at a New York museum, I "discovered" this book. What a find! But also, what a shame that Katherine Barkley's 'The Ambulance', which documents the long and proud history of emergency medical transportation from 900 A.D. to the 1970's, had been out of print for over 10 years and was virtually unknown and

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