Record Nr. UNINA9910460304603321 Autore Kooijmans L **Titolo** Death defied [[electronic resource]]: the anatomy lessons of Frederik Ruysch / / by Luuc Kooijmans; translated by Diane Webb Leiden, : Brill, 2010 Pubbl/distr/stampa 1-282-95290-0 **ISBN** 9786612952906 90-04-18856-8 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (486 p.) Collana History of science and medicine library, , 1872-0684;; v. 18 611.0092 Disciplina В Soggetti Anatomists - Netherlands Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto The anatomy lesson -- Established and envied -- Under fire -- Ruysch at work -- Rivals -- The collection -- The return of Peter the Great --Reproduction -- Latter days -- Ruysch's legacy. From around 1650 until well into the nineteenth century, Frederik Sommario/riassunto Ruysch enjoyed international fame as an anatomist. He owed his renown to a preparation method that greatly aided early-modern scientists in their exploration of the human body and transformed dissection from a messy business into a widely admired art. Ruysch's anatomical collection was one of Amsterdam's tourist attractions, for his embalmed bodies were astonishingly lifelike in appearance. The visitors who gazed with amazement at his preparations included the Russian tsar Peter the Great, who was so moved by the sight of an embalmed boy that he kneeled down to kiss him. The tsar later bought

Ruysch's entire collection and had all the specimens shipped to St Petersburg, where they still attract visitors from all over the world.