

a prolific writer on popular medical topics. His field ranged from dentistry, nursing and bathing to contraception and sexual 'perversion'. Most of the books that he often published under his own name were translations or concoctions of foreign authors like Havelock ELLIS. To amplify his status, he enriched his name with the titles of doctor and professor.

Schoondermark was a quack who also sold such titles to other parvenus. His main importance lay in authoring books that no one else dared to publish. The first book in Dutch on homosexuality that asked for pity, not rejection, was his *Van de verkeerde richting (Of the Wrong Direction, 1894)*. Later books, derived from other authors, would have opposite messages. He is typical of a kind of author that popularised medical theories on homosexuality and sexual perversion in cheap booklets for a broad public. Schoondermark's books appeared with the publishers who also sold Jean Fauconney (alias Dr Jaf and Dr Caufeynon) or R. H. Hayes. Notwithstanding his dozens of books that were often reprinted, Schoondermark twice went bankrupt. The work of these underworld authors on sexual 'perversions' deserves more attention, as they contributed plainly to the dissemination of ideas on homosexuality and perversions and offered to many people models of sexual identification.

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