



Fun Facts About Florence Nightingale

1. Florence was born in Florence, Italy, on May 12, 1820.
2. Her mother was Fanny, and her father was William.
3. In 1854, Florence and 38 other nurses arrived in Scutari, Constantinople. The main British hospital was located there and Florence was not impressed by the conditions.
4. In 1859 Florence wrote a book about caring for the sick called *Notes on Nursing*.
5. Florence Nightingale was awarded the Royal Red Cross (from Queen Victoria) and the Order of Merit in 1907 (from King Edward VII). This was the first time the Order of Merit had been awarded to a woman.
6. Florence died in 1910, aged 90. She's buried in a Hampshire, England, churchyard. Her tombstone bears only her initials and the years in which she was born and died.

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