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In 1917, John R. Brinkley---America’s most brazen young con man---set up a medical practice and introduced an outlandish surgical method using goat glands to restore the fading virility of local farmers. It was all nonsense, of course, but thousands of paying customers quickly turned “Dr.” Brinkley into America’s richest and most famous surgeon.

Thumbing his nose at American regulators, he built the world’s most powerful radio transmitter just across the Rio Grande to offer sundry cures, and killed or maimed patients by the score. Brinkley became the most creative criminal this country has ever produced.

Charlatan is a marvelous portrait of a boundlessly audacious rogue on the loose in an America that was ripe for bamboozling.