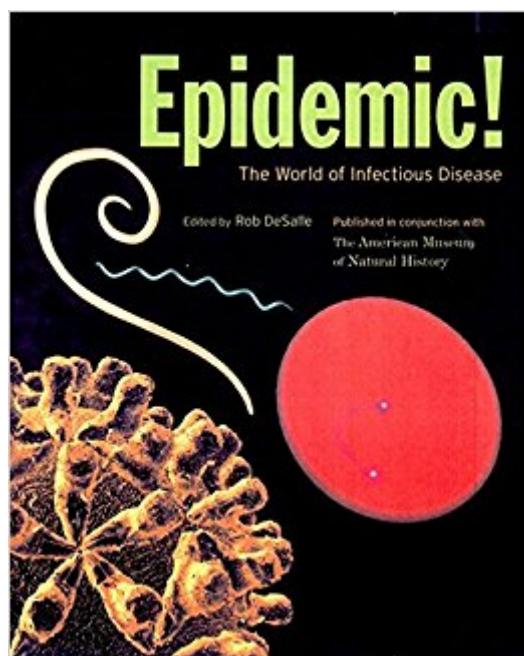


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# Epidemic!: The World Of Infectious Diseases (American Museum Of Natural History)



## Synopsis

Leading experts explain infectious disease in an illustrated companion to the acclaimed American Museum of Natural History's exhibit. *Epidemic!* explores the world of infectious disease with essays by Nobel Prize-winning experts, profiles of scientists and researchers, and case studies. Written for the general reader, *Epidemic!* offers a clear understanding of the threat of infectious diseases, from the flu and mad cow disease to HIV and tuberculosis. Leaders of organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control cover topics from controlling outbreaks and the emergence of new diseases to the problem of drug resistance. Individual case studies explore disease around the world, including the work of Doctors Without Borders, the cultural dimension of malaria, solving the riddle of cholera, and the race to find the AIDS virus. Published to coincide with the American Museum of Natural History's traveling exhibit called "the most impressive and informative exhibition the Museum has mounted in years" (New York Times), this book illustrates the important issues of diagnosis, treatment, and prevention throughout history and across cultures with more than eighty photographs and images. A resource section includes lists of organizations and Web sites, an annotated bibliography, and a glossary. Examining infectious disease from a natural history perspective, *Epidemic!* allows us to understand one of the most critical issues of the coming millennium.

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Linked to an American Museum of Natural History traveling exhibit and to a PBS special, this gathering of essays and explanations looks at what we now know about bacteria, viruses, parasites and their remedies, and at how science and medicine came to the knowledge and methods they now use. Editor and curator DeSalle (The Science Behind Jurassic Park) corrals work from 25 contributors (among them former health and human services secretary Louis Sullivan) into six discrete segments, dealing respectively with "evolution, ecology and culture

In this first volume in a new science series, sponsored by the American Museum of Natural History, DeSalle has collected a wealth of information about pathogens, methods of infection, the cultural implications of disease, and prevention and presented it in three ways: in brief essays written by scientific experts, profiles of renowned scientists, and case studies. Throughout, major emphasis is placed on the correlation between ecological changes and the spread of disease as well as on pathogens' ability to adapt rapidly to prevention and treatment methods. Supplementary illustrations, a lengthy glossary, and an annotated bibliography of books, videos, and web sites add to the value of this useful resource. Overall, this is a solid, reasonably priced introduction to a wide variety of issues, best suited to the general public. While faculty and graduate students may find the book lacking in depth, it is highly recommended for all undergraduate, high school, and public libraries. ATina Neville, Univ. of South Florida at St. Petersburg Lib. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

It's just bunch of articles, not bad...I wanted somethig about history of epidemics. This book is about different. What is good what is bad. That's it. Thank you...

I teach Middle School Science and this book is written at a basic enough level for my students to understand it. Illustrations, tables, and other graphics enhance understanding as well.

It's one of those books, you know, where the hairs on the back of your neck stand on end. Not for the hypochondriacs out there but definately informative. I enjoyed the author's unique and interesting style, together with the wide variety and illustrations of diseases. Even non-medical students could read this and come away feeling they could diagnose a case of cholera.

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