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A battle is taking place on the frontiers of medicine between rapidly evolving bacteria and the doctors struggling to outwit them. "The Killers Within" tells this horror story that just happens to be true.

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Cynda says

4 1/2 Stars. I grew up during a time when antibiotics were used and used again and used yet again. I have read this book because I have antibiotic resistance, including MRSA that lives inside my ankle as a result of an old break. This book was nearly always accessible to me because of my own medical history of resistance and because of my awareness of livestock being fed antibiotics as growth promoters and illness prevention efforts. I learned of ways to protect the healthy members of society and to combat infections without using antibiotics. I hope and pray that the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approves of some of these new ways--And that equivalent organizations around the world approve of these new ways. I hope and pray that these new methods of dealing with bacterial infections are accessible to all.

Worth re-reading sections of this book.

Book Concierge says

This is a fascinating - and horrifying - look at drug-resistant bacteria. I work in a hospital and it scares the bejeepers out of me.

Elentarri says

The Killers Within describes the human fight against infectious bacteria. The book includes the use, abuse and effects of antibiotics in humans and animals, along with a very nice summary of how bacteria gain resistance to antibiotics. The book also discusses phage therapy and various other means that scientists have considered for treating bacterial infections. This is a well written story of the fight against bacteria, including doctor's personal anecdotes and science bits that are not too technical but still full enough to be useful. This book is extremely interesting and informative.

Emilio says

I thought it was an amazing book. It always kept me Interested on what was going to happen next. It is a book about a growing out rage of bacteria that is rapidly killing every one and doctors are trying to control it before it goes to far and wipes out man kind I would recommend this book to a friend it is very interesting and shows information about how much bacteria we face every day

Molly Varley says

A terrifying account of the rise in drug resistant diseases. I really enjoyed this book, though some of it is hard to get through due to a lot of very in depth information about who did what study and when. We are all gonna die!

Alexander says

The Killers Within is a nonfiction book about drug-resistant bacteria. As you read the novel, many different references are made to many significant doctors. Some of which include the CDC, the FDA, and the national government's measures to prevent these strains of bacteria from reproducing. Many of these drug resisting bacteria are found in any persons everyday life, and encountered quite frequently actually. The hypothesis is that these bacteria have been so scorched in antibiotics that they now have evolved to resist these substances. It's like birds evolving to fly, if they couldn't fly, they's be eaten by predators and die. So eventually the birds that could fly became dominant over the ones that couldn't. The main problem is that it is hard for doctors to keep switching antibiotics over the course of a few months because the bacteria have become resistant to that form of antibiotic.

I personally believe this is a major problem in today's world and that it is solvable if the right people have the money to do such. I liked that the author picked such an interesting topic to write and inform the general public about, and that it was easily associated with Layman's terms. One thing that I did not like was the fact that there was little information about how I could help with this problem. I wish it would've had more suggestions for me as a reader to be able to help the issue.

I would recommend this book to nonfiction readers who enjoy or would like to know more about drug-resistant bacteria. It had so much information to be able to follow.

Fishface says

This gives a good picture of how antibiotic-resuistant bacteria evolve and who has been spearheading the investigations into that, but the authors linger overlong on the details of viral genetics. This is meant more for a professional than for those working outside the medical field.

Holly says

Our CLC Reads. Plotkin is coming in March for a day of workshops! WOOT

Danny Walderbach says

I think that this was a good book to read as it goes into personal lives of people that had thes diseases. This book was an enjoyable book to read. This book in my opinion does not make a good humanitarian topic. There were some disturbing facts in this book.

Jen says

This is a science book, so it might not be for the nonscience field person. But if you want to become familiar

with antibiotic resistance and how we (you, me, and everyone) are overusing antibiotics and the harm we are bringing upon ourselves its a good read. Its not written like a journal article it's kind of a compilation of short stories.

Rachel says

A terrifying read - once again our short term policies and practices have put us in greater danger in the long-term. Points to take away: stay healthy, stay away from hospitals, don't take antibiotics unless necessary, and try to avoid eating meat which has been fed antibiotics as growth promoters.
