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independently. So don't be overwhelmed because its 800 pages just means there's a lot of great shorter stories to choose from. CDC handled some of these very well, even heroically. Some... not so much. Some in the latter category covered here are AIDS, toxic shock syndrome and legionnaires. Very well written. I learned so much from this book. By Laurie Garrett who won the Pulitzer Prize for her reporting on Ebola, which is in the book. She basically predicted how the Ebola outbreak of 2014 would turn into a disaster, and it was written back in 1995. Just an incredibly awesome book. One of my all-time favorites. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The book could have easily been 1/4 of its size. By W.U. Although incredibly well researched, it's a bit outdated by now. The book could have easily been 1/4 of its size, as it is liberally infused with minutiae regarding every single back story (just like liars), for instance, there's almost two pages about the transmission/gear box of a Land Rover and how it was ordered, delivered, the crate in which it was shipped, etc. At times, this book felt like it was more about the players in this dangerous world of viruses and epidemics, than about the diseases themselves. Oh yeah, and nuns are evil.

The New York Times: "A frightening vision of the future and a deeply unsettling one... a sober, scary book that not only limns the dangers posed by emerging diseases but also raises serious questions about two centuries worth of Enlightenment beliefs in science and technology and progress." Unpurified drinking water. Improper use of antibiotics. Local warfare. Massive refugee migration. Changing social and environmental conditions around the world have fostered the spread of new and potentially devastating viruses and diseases - HIV, Lassa, Ebola, and others. Laurie Garrett takes you on a fifty year journey through the world's battles with microbes and examines the worldwide conditions that have culminated in recurrent outbreaks of newly discovered diseases, epidemics of diseases migrating to new areas, and mutated old diseases that are no longer curable. She argues that it is not too late to take action to prevent the further onslaught of viruses and microbes, and offers possible solutions for a healthier future. The Boston Globe: "Like her role model Rachel Carson, whose 1962 *Silent Spring* woke up society to environmental poisoning, Garrett aims to dispel social and political complacency about the threat of old, new, and yet-unknown microbial catastrophes in a global ecology that links Bujumbura, Bangkok, and Boston more closely than almost anyone appreciates." San Francisco Chronicle: "Garrett's stories are enthralling, like solid war reporting. But her book also offers the clearest, most detailed, and most impeccably researched description of the science of microbiology that lay readers have had in sixty years."