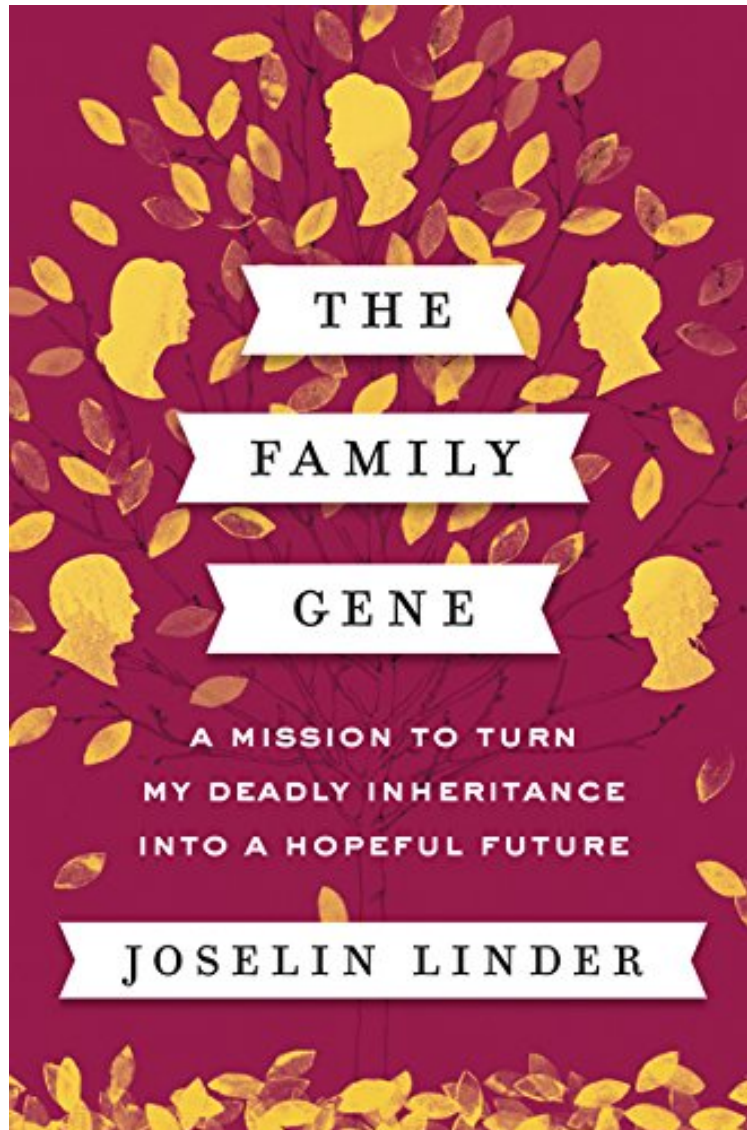


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Family Gene: A Mission to Turn My Deadly Inheritance into a Hopeful Future", is a combination science book and coming of age story. Now in her mid-30's, Joselin has seen several members of her father's family - including her father - die from an untreatable disease that also defied classification. The disease was spread among several generations of the Linder family. While working with doctors and geneticists in Boston, a genome was discovered which made testing for the gene easy to determine what family members would be affected. Genetic investigation has come incredibly far in the last 30 years. I simply don't have the scientific vocabulary needed to write the technical things in this review. But Linder does a good job at explaining and defining; I figure I understood about 3/4 of what she wrote. Linder writes about the lives of the her paternal family and explains how the disease - still unnamed - began with a genetic mutation in the body of her paternal great-grandmother and was distributed down the proverbial genetic family ladder. Back to the issue of genetic testing. There are actually two issues at work. Would you want to know if you hold the prospect of contracting Huntington's Disease or the disease the Linder family has? The implications are astounding to the way you live your life. The other testing is that of a fetus to see if he or she carries the gene of the disease. And if the tests showed you were pregnant with a baby with the disease, would you have an abortion? Linder writes about the genetic testing routinely done these days of prospective parents. Joselin Linder's book is well-written and I learned a lot. I could have done without most of the coming-of-age parts but I guess that living under the scythe of life or death made her decisions and thoughts more unique than the average 30 year old. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. I laughed, I cried, I understood the science! By Maloha Reading a book about genes, biology, anatomy, etc would normally be nowhere near my must read list, but this book is no boring science read. It's a mystery, a love story, and a family album. Through the heartbreak there is hope. The author weaves humor throughout the story and tells it beautifully. I'll recommend to everyone. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful, thoughtful book By C. Clarke Beautiful, thoughtful book. Deeply moving, often witty, totally engrossing and thoroughly enjoyable to read. Truly a wonderful book, I highly recommend it.

A riveting medical mystery about a young woman's quest to uncover the truth about her likely fatal genetic disorder that opens a window onto the exploding field of genomic medicine When Joselin Linder was in her twenties her legs suddenly started to swell. After years of misdiagnoses, doctors discovered a deadly blockage in her liver. Struggling to find an explanation for her unusual condition, Joselin compared the medical chart of her father who had died from a mysterious disease, ten years prior with that of an uncle who had died under similarly strange circumstances. Delving further into the past, she discovered that her great-grandmother had displayed symptoms similar to hers before her death. Clearly, this was more than a fluke. Setting out to build a more complete picture of the illness that haunted her family, Joselin approached Dr. Christine Seidman, the head of a group of world-class genetic researchers at Harvard Medical School, for help. Dr. Seidman had been working on her family's case for twenty years and had finally confirmed that fourteen of Joselin's relatives carried something called a private mutation meaning that they were the first known people to experience the baffling symptoms of a brand new genetic mutation. Here, Joselin tells the story of their gene: the lives it claimed and the future of genomic medicine with the potential to save those that remain. Digging into family records and medical history, conducting interviews with relatives and friends, and reflecting on her own experiences with the Harvard doctor, Joselin pieces together the lineage of this deadly gene to write a gripping and unforgettable exploration of family, history, and love. A compelling chronicle of survival and perseverance, The Family Gene is an important story of a young woman reckoning with her father's death, her own mortality, and her ethical obligations to herself and those closest to her.