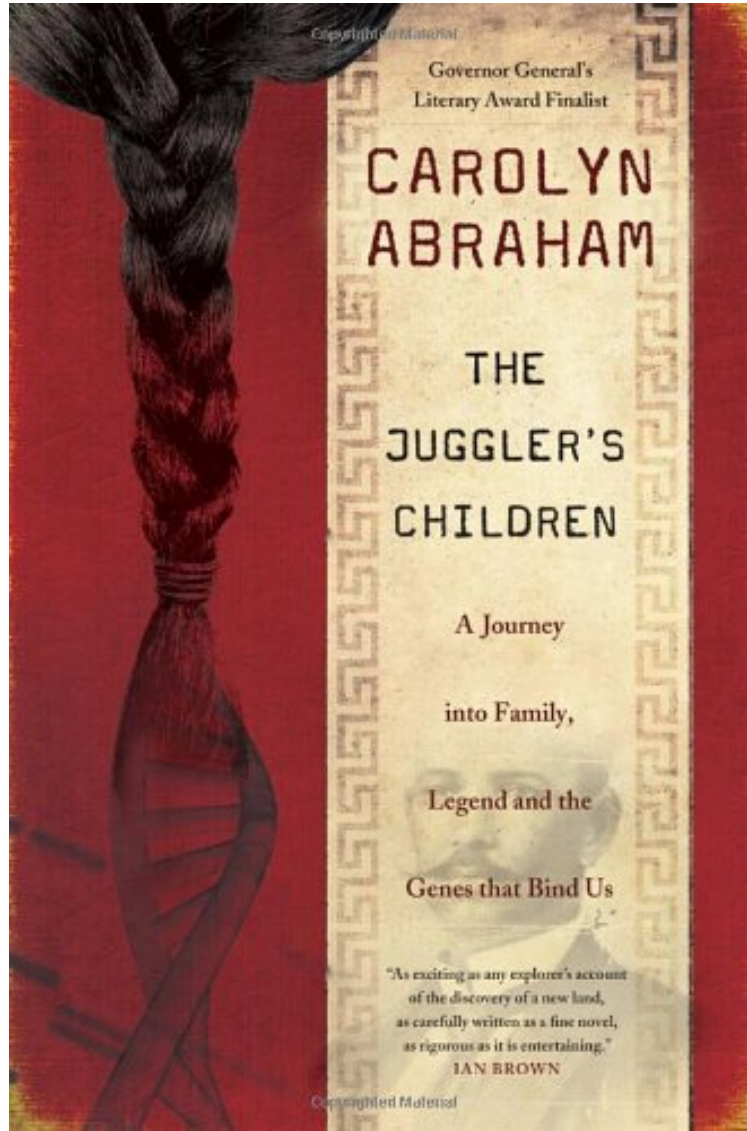


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it can also unlock some family secrets that many would rather not know. Personally, I err on the side of information and having as much of the truth as possible, but Ms. Abraham does a good job of showing some of the counterarguments to that approach. If you are interested in family history, genealogy or genetics, give it a read. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Fascinating Book By Sharon Cooper This book was so timely as my daughter and I are tracing our family tree. Carolyn Abraham is an excellent writer. Her family history is still unfolding like a well written mystery novel. What she uncovers on her mother's side is quite shocking. Her father's side, the Juggler's side, is still a work in progress, so I hope to read a sequel in the next few years. This book inspired us to forge ahead and also to pursue the use of DNA testing. An excellent read! Sharon Cooper 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A fantastic story by a fabulous writer By Dian Cohen The Juggler's Children is a must-read for anyone who loves mysteries and is even remotely interested in where they came from. Carolyn Abraham has the ability to teach you so much about a new science, even if you don't have much of a background. And she is such a wonderful writer that you don't even notice that you're learning so much.

Carolyn Abraham explores the stunning power and ethical pitfalls of using genetic tests to answer questions of genealogy--by cracking the genome of her own family. Recently, tens of thousands of people have been drawn to mail-order DNA tests to learn about their family roots. Abraham investigates whether this burgeoning new science can help solve 2 mysteries that have haunted her multi-racial family for more than a century. Both hinge on her enigmatic great-grandfathers--a hero who died young and a scoundrel who disappeared. Can the DNA they left behind reveal their stories from beyond the grave? Armed with DNA kits, Abraham criss-crosses the globe, taking cells from relatives and strangers, a genetic journey that turns up far more than she bargained for--ugly truths and moral quandaries. With lively writing and a compelling personal narrative, *The Juggler's Children* tackles profound questions around the genetics of identity, race and humanity, and tells a big story about our small world, with vivid proof that genes bind us all to the branches of one family tree.

FINALIST 2013 Governor Generals Literary Award for Non-Fiction FINALIST 2014 BC National Award for Canadian Non-Fiction LONGLISTED 2014 RBC Taylor Prize NATIONAL BESTSELLER *The Jugglers Children* is many things, each one spellbinding: a thrillerish quest for origins, a continent-spanning travelogue and an eye-opening foray into the annals and ethics of genetic science.... Abrahams family is unusual, but so is her virtuosity as a writer; shes probing, intelligent, dryly funny but enough of a writers writer that she can make the awkward process of DNA swabbing seem magisterial.... Abrahams book is riveting not just because of its superb writing and suspenseful storyline, but because, in the end, its not just about her, its about us. Emily Donaldson, *The Globe and Mail* With an irreverent sense of humour and the smarts of an experienced medical-science journalist, Abraham describes how questions about her ancestry had gnawed at her since childhood. What her genes wind up revealing about not only her own background but everyone elses is richer than any tall family tale. *The Georgia Straight* Abraham is the ideal guide to the brave and crowded new world of internet genealogy.... Abraham writes with ease and humour, undaunted by complexity, and the narrative unfolds like a detective story. *Literary of Canada* Abrahams story of personal connection the stories, the letters and the memories end up being more compelling than the scientific revelations.... *The Jugglers Children* is a fascinating tale of truth, lies, perception and, ultimately, family. *Winnipeg Free Press* Lively, accessible style.... Though this book is built around science, its the personal experiences and relationships Abraham describes that will remain with readers. *The Gazette* *The Jugglers Children* is as exciting as any explorers account of the discovery of a new land, as carefully written as a fine novel, as rigorous as it is entertaining. Ian Brown, award-winning author of *The Boy in the Moon* *The Jugglers Children* is simultaneously a compelling family mystery and brilliant science writing. As she cracks her own familys genetic code, Carolyn Abraham makes the complexities of DNA and the genetic linkages that bind us immediately accessible. Dr. Miriam Shuchman, prize-winning author of *The Drug Trial* Combining traditional journalistic digging with the cutting edge science of genetic genealogy, Carolyn Abraham takes us on a witty and engaging journey across India, China, Europe and Jamaica in search of her polyglot family ancestry. In the end, she vividly demonstrates that inside the microcosmic gene pool of a single Canadian family and thus all families we will find the vast history of humanity. Whether princes or paupers, slaves or slave-drivers, were all the same under the skin. James FitzGerald, author of *What Disturbs Our Blood*, winner of the Writers Trust Non-Fiction Prize About the Author CAROLYN ABRAHAM is the author of *Possessing Genius: The Bizarre Odyssey of Einsteins Brain*, which was a finalist for the Governor Generals Literary Award for Non-fiction. The long-time senior medical-science writer for the *Globe and Mail*, she is a four-time winner of the Canadian Science Writers Associations annual award for her medical reporting and winner of two National Newspaper Awards. She lives with her family in Toronto. www.thejugglerschildren.com