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AUTISM'S FALSE PROPHETS

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BAD SCIENCE, RISKY MEDICINE,
AND THE SEARCH FOR A CURE

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A London researcher was the first ever to assert that the combination measles-mumps-rubella vaccine referred to as MMR caused autism in children. Offit recounts the annals of autism study and the exploitation of this tragic condition by advocates and zealots. If mercury caused autism, they reasoned, getting rid of it from a child's system should deal with the disorder. Yet widespread fear of vaccines for parents persists. Children with autism have already been placed on stringent diets, subjected to high-temperature saunas, bathed in magnetic clay, asked to swallow digestive enzymes and activated charcoal, and injected with numerous combinations of vitamins, nutrients, and acids. Instead of helping, these therapies can harm those people who are most vulnerable, and particularly in the case of autism, they undermine childhood vaccination applications that have saved an incredible number of lives. An overwhelming body of scientific evidence clearly shows that childhood vaccines are safe and will not cause autism. Therefore, numerous untested choice therapies arose, and, most tragically, in one such treatment, a health care provider injected a five-year-old autistic boy with a chemical substance in order to cleanse him of mercury, which stopped his heart instead. In this publication, Paul A. He considers the manipulation of technology in the popular media and the courtroom, and he explores why culture is vulnerable to the bad research and risky therapies submit by many antivaccination activists. Following this "discovery," a handful of parents declared that a mercury-containing preservative in a number of vaccines was responsible for the condition. Offit, a national professional on vaccines, issues the modern-day fake prophets who have so egregiously misled the public and exposes the opportunism of the lawyers, journalists, superstars, and politicians who support them.



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Critical Insight and Knowledge A wonderful, enlightening book in an increasingly critical subject. FP taken out those lingering doubts (at least for me personally) since it provides even more medical details and explains the energy of large epidemiological research to detect even rare side-effects (autism can not be considered a uncommon condition any more). I gave this book to many vaccine-skeptical relatives and hope it will enlighten them on the issue. So very much truth and information. Although "Panic" provides even more history and public context, I still wondered if vaccines is actually a factor in a small subset of autism instances. This book is incredible. Five Stars Very informative and a great read. Thankfully, the data was obtainable (esp. Anyone interested in the issues swirling around the field of autism should browse this book. A superb defense of real science I read this following the "Panic Virus" (2011), which recounts the annals of the autism-vaccine "wars". It really is fascinating! Interesting examine. in countries like Denmark which have extensive medical records) to quickly show that the hypothesis was wrong. The author is out of his way to describe the opposing side's argument before totally debunking it with science. I am a future behavior analyst which book should be read by anyone relevant to Autism. Many thanks for your tireless quest for increased scientific literacy. Outstanding Actually hits to the heart of the matter and uses logic reason and fact to show why people fall for pseudoscience and how it takes a toll about public health. Dr Offit does this without demonizing misled parents and exposes the frauds for what they really are. but I would recommend it for anyone I was required to read this book for a course, but I would highly recommend it for anyone! Purchase! Paul Offit is a superb article writer and knows the main topic of medicine and pseudoscience inside and out. I love Very useful book. The essential message is normally that the media/politicians and general public are scientifically illiterate. Nevertheless, it's important to remember that the MMR (and then thimerosal-mercury) link might have been accurate when it had been first proposed back the late 1990s- no-one really knew at that time. So much truth. Extremely interesting read. Furthermore, thimerosal was taken off vaccines- starting in European countries first- and yet, autism prices continued to climb. In the case of AGW (where crude environment models and proxies are the bane of environment science) and in particle physics where there's zero experimental proof and only string theory and the multiverse, but also insufficient data to reject those theories, the debate continues and likely will for the near future. The main element difference with other science "wars" is that sufficient data was open to resolve the debate. Technology works and can end up being trusted- but only when the evidence will there be to back again it up. FP also offers many chapters on the media's role in creating the vaccine scare. I really like it A good, readable account of science versus popular opinion This book describes the appeal to emotions utilized by various politicians, lawyers, reporters, news-showmen and "celebrities" in their efforts to convince individuals who autism is due to vaccines and vaccine-preservatives. It also describes the info - many epidemiological studies - that have not discovered any connection at all between the maligned vaccines and autism. The book will probably be worth reading by whoever has heard numerous scare-stories about vaccines, who want to know what the science in fact shows. It is very readable and well crafted, and does not assume any prior scientific expertise. Just a myth Autism's false prophets is a masterpiece with regards to debunking the idea thimerosal or ethylmercury causes autism, secondly the theory that big pharmaceutical company's make much cash out of vaccines is false and the evidence is the dwindling amount of cash going into vaccine research.



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