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And the Band Played On: Politics, People, and the AIDS Epidemic, 20th-
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Upon its first publication twenty years ago, *And The Band Played On* was quickly recognized as a masterpiece of investigative reporting. One of the few true contemporary classics, it changed and framed how AIDS was talked about in the next years. An international bestseller, a nominee for the National Book Critics Circle Award, and made into a critically acclaimed movie, Shilts' expose uncovered why AIDS was allowed to spread unchecked during the early 80's as the most trusted establishments ignored or denied the danger. Now republished in a special 20th Anniversary edition, *And the Band Performed On* remains among the essential books of our period.



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Moving and Important Randy Shilts kind of points the finger at everyone, like the Gay community that he was a part of, and I feel that is what really made the reserve as great since it is definitely. He didn't forget the blame here and there to focus on a couple of agents. Great reading and incredibly educational. This 20th Anniversary publication, in paperback, is of course better to hold, but I must say I missed the photos from the original. It isn't heavy handed. So often reading this publication did I get the impression you could in fact hear the bullet whiz previous your ear. I always knew I'd go through this book ultimately, but as with any long non-fiction tome there comes a risk that at some point your attention span might have to bow out. Visitors will become stunned by tales of courage, compassion, and strength, while simultaneously recoiling in horror at the individual toll of selfishness and politics at its most severe. It seems to be worth more because of that. It is THE book to learn about the beginning of the AIDS epidemic, and reading it once again was especially poignant knowing the the writer had subsequently joined the ranks of whom he previously written so eloquently. The Band Still Plays In Randy Shilts's 'And The Band Played On', the author successfully documents a moment in time that represents a significant change in the world. The Helps epidemic has killed thousands, but the fight against loss of life mobilized the gay voice and can be seen as having led to the modern political rights we've because it forced us from the shadows and into living rooms. Drawing upon an abundance of sources Shilts' social history of the Helps epidemic is a shifting piece that uses oral history to illuminate a global not ready to get the AIDS epidemic. Stuck reading this for a course a little bit confusing if you do not read the before the prologue In case you have the Kindle edition and appearance at location 1454 of 13782 in the next paragraph they put an area in Dr. But it was not before death of the manly and supposedly right Rock Hudson that there was a a genuine paradigm shift in treatment of the AIDS epidemic. Was recommended this publication when considering a career in epidemiology Was recommended this reserve when considering a career in epidemiology. Beginning in the past due 1970s in Africa and continuing to the past due 1980s in the US, this particular history needs to be known. The cast of individuals is large. Extremely shameful to the Reagan administration to Ed Koch who didn't treatment or wished to help in the beginning of this crisis. Who understands how many other plagues lurk. As a gay man, I am always aware of AIDS and safety measures against it. Crazy, but I had to keep in mind the era and timing of this whole epidemic event. In this idyllic post-Stonewall period, sex was independence for most. Having been born in 1980, I prevented the most severe of the plague, but having recently seen The Normal Heart on HBO, I needed to learn more. Liz I learned so much reading this book. Given that we are getting into the Truvada period, I think it especially vital that you understand what can happen again. FIVE STARS I had to remind myself that book was approximately the very beginning of the Helps virus when people didn't understand or might even believe it had been true. It is the history of an illness, a people, and a time all in one. This is what makes this tragic background especially poignant and exceptional. Groundwater just an fyi. While Mr. Who understands but antibiotic resistant gonorrhea is out there. It's the best thing to read if you want all the sociable and governmental and medical factors of this plague. I recall every guy in college stopped eating purple Right now & Randy Shilts does not consult for your time lightly - every chapter here's earned. It seems almost an omniscient narrative voice in involved, and with over 900 interviews and his own previous years of investigative work on AIDS, there's a reason for that. Before reading, I had foolishly assumed the term politics had been added to the title to sex it up a bit. Nope. This is a big must examine. Instead he models out all the pieces and allows us to view it all together, without supplementing the blame to just the popular places and institutions. In the event that

you were born around or before 1980 in a first world nation and ever had a blood transplant, this could have been your story too. A 'Hear the Bullet Fly Past Your Ear' Feeling of Immediacy This is nothing significantly less than a compulsively readable tour-de-force in modern medical journalism. This book is a rare thing: it really is both a great, historic work and a damn good read. I instantly looked up the writer to learn more about what he had written and then discover he as well died from AIDS in the 1990's. His publication, currently a tribute to a lost generation, is now an example of all of the substantive contributions those men and women could've made if politics could have been shoved aside sooner. Shilts avoids sensationalism, the story is sensational more than enough in its barest information for that point to be obvious. Would that Randy Shilts had lived long enough to give us a lot more of its calibre. Will it? In saying that I was floored when some of the gay leaders believed that being told to have safeguarded or safe sex was a complete violation of their sexual independence. "I didn't become gay to use a condom" one stated. But this story starts in a period before Helps was known. This publication had some amazing meticulous reporting and the overpowering work all of the scientist, doctors and researchers did got me cheering on and on until I understood the shameful politics and egos was going to take the front stage. Even before AIDS the gay community was rife with STDs, some of those guys were like petri meals for viruses. There is no sex education that I possibly could remember and the thing I really do remember about Helps was a gym teacher telling the class that in case you are gay, your tongue will convert purple and you may die of AIDS. Not really here: this reserve holds your curiosity on just about any page (I skipped a couple of of the even more dense courtroom testimony pages, but often later went back to read them anyhow). LATER candies. The tale of the various responses people, communities, and whole governments had to Helps was about politics. GAY PROPAGANDA Reading this book, the writer does the study, then comes up with lunatic conclusions. The book basically cover from when I was 10 thru 16 years old. There were therefore many missteps in the initial days of this epidemic. That's outrageous. Don't forget People who didn't live through these years hardly understand the struggle that got us to where we are today The Heartbreaking Tale of the AIDS Crisis And the Band Played On is a masterpiece of nonfiction chronicling the worldwide tragedy of the AIDS crisis. THE book to read about the first history of the AIDS epidemic I read this originally right after it was first published, and regretfully gave apart my duplicate. Both a history lesson and a warning, Shilts's book is highly recommended required reading. A Re-read that holds up Such an excellent discussion of the political and group/personal issues related to the AIDS epidemic of the 80s. Bureaucratic malaise, political overreaction to health issues within the gay community, and a reflection of the 80s that continues to be timely. You gotta wish the next epidemic is dealt with with health at heart -- not politics. Until after that responses to the epidemic had been woeful. It was truly distressing that no one was investigating the condition until it began to affect heterosexual women and men despite the symptoms becoming known for quite a while but becoming confined to homosexual males. It is also upsetting that "individual zero" was not actually individual zero and with him becoming called as such destroyed not merely his popularity but his family's. I was shocked to learn that Shilts understood he had Helps and continuing to cruise men relentlessly. Great read This book is hard to learn but you can't put it down. Whether this was due to homophobia or prudishness or additional cultural forces is unclear and up to the reader to choose. Waiting. And this reserve succeeds in educating a reader about what can occur when ignorance and politics trump science. He allow it all out and due to that we surely got to see the many small things that all came together to provide us the Helps Epidemic. So many people die without our Government

caring. And the death tool is nearly as large.



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