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In 1994, Peter J. Hotez, a pediatrician-scientist who evolves vaccines for neglected tropical diseases influencing the world's poorest people, became troubled by the decades-long rise of the influential anti-vaccine community and their inescapable narrative around childhood vaccines and autism. The alleged hyperlink between the two was first espoused in a fraudulent scientific paper, lengthy since retracted, however the story displays no signs of letting up. A uniquely authoritative account, this important publication persuasively provides proof for the genetic basis of autism and illustrates the way the neurodevelopmental pathways of autism are under way before birth. In *Vaccines Did Not Cause Rachel's Autism*, Hotez draws on his experiences as a pediatrician, vaccine scientist, and father of an autistic child. Hotez's nineteen-month-old daughter, Rachel, was identified as having autism. Consequently, we've seen deadly and disabling outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases around the United States, and Texas, where Hotez lives, reaches particular risk. Starting with a foreword by leading medical ethicist Arthur L. Caplan, this publication is a must-read for parent groups, child advocates, teachers, health-care companies, government policymakers, health insurance and science policy professionals, and anyone caring for a family member or friend with autism. When Peter Hotez, an erudite, highly trained scientist who is normally a true hero for his function in saving the world's poor and downtrodden, shares his understanding and clinical insights along with his parental encounter, when his beliefs in the value of what he does are put to the test of a lifestyle guiding his very own child's challenges, then you must pay attention. You should. This publication brings to an end the hyperlink between autism and vaccination. A former US Research Envoy for the Department of Health, he also explains what's at stake if the motion continues to get ground. Caplan, NYU School of Medicine



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Such a Timely and Important Book! He was just officially identified as having autism when he was 19, but I understood it all along and what did a label mean? Hotez deserves very much credit for his prescient warnings about the hazards of declining vaccine coverage. He also deserves much respect for his courage in speaking out boldly against the anti-vax groups that promote withholding or delaying vaccines based on anti-science theories which have always been discredited. Dr. Hotez establishes his credentials as an authoritative voice on this subject in the very interesting tale of his career as a pediatrician and vaccine scientist. In response to critics' fees that he's a sell for the pharmaceutical market he says, unconditionally, that he hasn't made any money off the vaccines he develops and most likely never will - likewise, he hasn't taken any money from drug companies for consulting providers. Dr. Hotez has spent his career as a university professor directing advancement of anti-poverty vaccines in product development partnerships. It is basically disingenuous to argue that Dr. Hotez's tale reminds us that he and additional health professionals have an excellent personal stake in the matter, and that their own children and various other family members are placed at risk by a resurgence in vaccine-preventable diseases. Dr. Hotez tells of the difficulties of developing vaccines for diseases such as for example cutaneous leishmaniasis, schistosomiasis, hookworm, chikungunya and Chagas disease.) challenge the stereotypes of autistic children, as quiet 'socially-inhibited' boys. Should we issue vaccines? Dr Chami - University of Cambridge not very clear Dr. Dr. They didn't know then about this connection at that time in time. Hotez's discussion extends beyond what doesn't trigger autism to an assessment of the most recent research in to the genomic and epigenomic factors that likely will be the real causes. To put it simply, current scientific tests show that folks are born with autism caused by genetic anomalies - genetic differences that can be noticed prenatally. We'd him evaluated at a school for disabled children near our home with the outcomes showing his skills varying between 6 - 36 months. With so much time and effort going into repeatedly demonstrating that vaccines aren't the reason for autism, attention and assets are drained from improving the lives of these whose futures may be made better if assets could only be directed toward earlier analysis and improved interventions. By informing the very personal tale of their child, Rachel, in such an honest and open manner, Dr. Hotez and his wife Ann provide a glimpse of a family group life most people have no idea exists. That they both obviously love and value their daughter is abundantly clear. Nevertheless, it is also very clear that having one young child who, necessarily, demanded so much parental attention affected their life as a family and changed the trajectory of Dr. Hotez's career. By redirecting statewide attention to a non-existent 'vaccine controversy', the anti-vaccine movement straight deprives family members with autistic children the support needed to ensure the youngster leads a fulfilling lifestyle, i. Hotez lay out their concerns for their daughter's future - the lack of opportunities to find employment, to find fulfillment within an independent lifestyle and, eventually, the uncertainty over who will look after and guide her when they are longer in a position to do therefore. Dr. Hotez is an amazingly gifted communicator and provides managed to weave three narratives into a extremely engaging book. Dr. Point by stage, he systematically displays where the falsehoods lie by firmly taking his visitors through a thorough overview of the scientific evidence that refutes each allegation. Hotez has the unusual capability to present research in a fashion that should be of great interest to open-minded readers from a wide variety of backgrounds. I grew up when polio vaccines had been first released and I well remember waiting in a very long collection to get my glucose cube. I was very excited to get this book as I have an autistic child and as the years have gone by, he turns 35 in a couple weeks, I have gotten extremely frustrated to

hear people blaming vaccinations as the reason why that their child or kids get autism. I 'knew' it wasn't accurate but only had my encounter with my son to counter what they stated. Dr. Some haven't any ability to talk but can communicate well using an I-pad with a speaking system in it as you autistic child has that I understand of. This, of training course, made me wonder if that is why my pediatrician was rather impressed with my son's 16" head at birth, even taking into consideration he was a big baby. Just like the Hotez family, I knew something was wrong early on and much sooner than when he got his vaccines, which he got on timetable according to his Pediatrician. and he's also the daddy of an autistic lady in her 20's that at the time of his writing the reserve was still living in the home. His wife Ann wrote an excerpt in the publication about those first couple years with their child Rachael and it cut back many memories for me. Memories of a kid that wouldn't primarily nurse (many thanks for the nurse who helped us see through that stage when he was 4 days previous! My sister had three different situations of measles. If one would consider all these vaccines utilized by the military, it would become clear, very quickly, that revenue do dictate advancement and administration of particular vaccines. So, he knows everything about vaccines, but he will not seem to possess any vested interest in wrongly advertising vaccines, other than normal human compassion and the knowledge that vaccines save lives. The debate of the underlying causes of autism leads to what I consider is the second major point of the reserve. He was immediately given a instructor that caused him and fourteen days before his second birthday, he arrived over patted my cheek and said "MaMa". I cried. Therefore life proceeded to go with him. D. When during the first months of Rachel's life her parents explain her as constantly screaming and not wanting to be hugged, then at five months old, they are impressed by her long attention span when viewing her "reading" baby books for extended periods of time. The reason why that Autism is referred to as a spectrum is that some autistic folks are much higher working than others. Hotez lays it at risk with scientific study and proof that vaccines usually do not trigger autism. The spectrum can be very broad, and a lot more children are being identified as having autism, which when my boy was born had hardly been heard of. In light of the measles and chickenpox outbreaks currently occurring in a variety of communities in the US and all over the world, Dr. We only proceeded to go for the diagnoses to greatly help him understand himself better and in the event he needed job teaching help, although he got through that on his own, however, not without some troubles. One of the items that I'm happy about is that both of my boys got their vaccines when they were due, while I wasn't having to buck against a tide of anti-vaccine folks. A Reserve for Pediatricians, Nurses, Parents and those dealing with autism. Nonetheless it was too past due for some people that I knew, such as a girl in my grade that had acquired polio and could have one foot smaller sized and walk with a limp the rest of her lifestyle. His research skills are exceeded just by his writing design. A woman who had polio while pregnant, not merely did she still have lasting effects, but offered birth to a child that could not walk or chat and was total look after her loving family members.), he never liked being held, I never once was in a position to rock him to rest or to hold him so that he fell asleep in my own arms. In my own younger days, these illnesses had been alive and well and we do what we're able to so as not to get the illnesses. Now I see extremely vocal people attempting to discourage parents from giving vaccines because they risk the child getting autistic. I suspect a lot of those parents under no circumstances saw the consequences of no vaccines as the survivors are gradually maturing (dying) at this stage. Point by point the author shows that children with autism are most likely genetically disposed to having autism in utero which is certainly long before they would get a vaccine. That is a justification piece by a

man whose function damaged his child. Besides being a Pediatrician, a vaccine scientist/researcher, he provides his MD and Ph. Nevertheless, I really believe the most critical section of the publication is that Dr. This is a very interesting and enlightening book. It really is written for more impressive range readers than most books these days, but many of the anti-vaccine people are generally better educated (at least this is what the author implies) and so will be able to examine and understand this work nicely. I appreciate this reserve and this author's attempt to combat the non-sense of what can cause autism. Leave the funds that get into trying to eliminate providing childhood vaccines and instead try to find an end to autism and at the same time fund applications for autistic children because they grow and as they become adults. The author is focusing on creating vaccines for tropical diseases, which are often affect the poorest, and so no big pharma wants to work in the region as it is not going to be profitable. Not attempting to compare both, I reasoned that the next was developing at his personal pace, but when he hit 1 . 5 years and wasn't actually talking, utilized screams and high pitched sound for what he wanted, and many other weird and fundamentally unnatural along with annoying factors, I asked the doctor about him. Hotez persuade me of his objectivity due to his daughter's condition? He explains how it is not at all plausible for vaccines to trigger autism because the changes in the mind start way before any vaccines are given to the kid. He cites multiple research that were trying to find a link between vaccines and autism, but could not establish the link. He tells us about the anti-vaccine motion and how it harms our ways of existence, and how diseases that people seemingly eradicated are actually coming back because of them. He also discusses what is in store for his daughter right now she is all grown up, and what will happen to her when they are not around any longer. I also appreciate that many personal experiences had been shared in this publication to greatly help the uninformed reader (me! Written by her father, a pediatrician and vaccine scientist, the book offers a unique insight in to the developmental trajectory of a girl with autism from birth to youthful adult. "Rachel's autism isn't the kind of autism that's typically presented in the press or well described to the general public" - her father writes. We was fortunate that my son was high working and is now living independently, helps himself financially, and is doing things that when he was young I never thought he'd have the ability to do. This is not a verified purchase because I borrowed the book. Not so doc. Rachel's shortly to be identified vocabulary, listening, and behavior problems like noncompliance and running abroad - prominent features of her that profoundly impact the family dynamics - raise a issue about which indications were missed during the first yr of her life. Should some vaccines be administered to safeguard everybody? Part of the symptoms has to do with how the human brain develops, and human brain overgrowth. His denial of this fact will damage many more children and for that I have no sympathy. You can only hope he's not continuing to vaccinate his kid. For my buddy with hook hearing reduction from spinal meningitis, for me personally with eyes that are super sensitive to light during and following having measles. A book for anybody with the slightest curiosity in the anti-vaccine movement or autism The discussion on vaccines and autism was presented as an intricately woven story of personal experiences, scientific advocacy, and political movements. Though I was acquainted with some of the debate, I thought the book was especially good at showing the way the anti-vaccine community is essentially grabbing for straws. Hotez' writing clearly delineates how disconnected (autism vs. thimerosal vs. If this book had been only about Autism and vaccines, which it clearly is not, it would have already been a shorter publication and maybe he'd have made his point better. Both Ann and Dr. interesting That is quite short book about vaccines, autism and anti-vaccination movement. the skills overlooked by the

average person - time management, focusing at college, behavioral discipline, and work training. Developing a sense of company and achieving independence This book is a moving story about Rachel whose autism was recognizable already through the first year of her life. These vaccines, which hold the potential to remove unimaginable suffering and end cycles of poverty among the poorest of the world's poor, struggle to find funding sources because they lack the commercial potential customers that drug companies look for in their investments. I would recommend this reserve to anyone seeking understanding of vaccines or autism. Hotez methodically tackles each argument that vaccines are unsafe. Hotez defends the efficiency and dependence on vaccines. Nevertheless, I did not really see any vaccines mentioned for instance introduced in the military. If he had discussed the backdrop of Anthrax and weaponized little pox vaccines the military "immunizes" it's associates with and the controversy relating to those vaccinations, his point for vaccinations could have been lost. The distrust of people of the pharmaceutical businesses is justified taking into consideration the profits involved and the lack of compassion by these lenders. He implies that all vaccinations, but mentions only some, are had a need to prevent epidemics of specific diseases. He was my second child and with my 1st being in lots of ways the 'perfect' son - happy, cuddly, clever as a whip and understood the whole alphabet by enough time he was 1 . 5 years. In support of his statement that vaccines did not cause his daughter's autism, Dr. Yes. That is a well written account of a parent living with a handicapped child but in now way was convincing me that injecting a child with heavy metals will not cause brain inflammation. Yes. Do Dr. He provides some background on vaccines, and tells us a story about his own girl who offers autism and can be in her mid-twenties today. No. dosage spacing) the anti-vaccine community is certainly and the consequences of such a motion on households with autistic children. Love it Before you also open this book, you probably have a solid opinion some way on this topic, a lot of people do. I tried to stay relatively neutral as I examine, but I have to admit, I currently agreed with author when I picked up this book. That being said, this is a very interesting narrative and undertake the trip of parenting a child with autism, but also understanding what that means in the scientific globe. It's a very candid story created from the perspective of a dad, but also very intelligent doctor and scientist. That being said, I'm not sure if I didn't trust him to begin, that I would've closed the reserve and agreed with him anyhow, however, as I browse this I'd say it isn't actually about changing your mind, but consuming the trip and enjoying the conclusion that autism isn't a issue or a debate or issue, but rather Rachel is a kid that needs love and parenting and that journey can be confusing and challenging, perhaps a bit more than other kids, but at the end of the day, aren't most of us just trying to accomplish the best for our kids?! Valuable insights from the front lines of the "vaccine debate" Peter Hotez delivers an extremely readable account of his family's struggle to raise an autistic child, his career dedicated to bringing attention to "forgotten" tropical diseases and the problems of confronting an antivaccination motion that threatens improvement in overcoming those and additional diseases. It's difficult for pediatricians, infectious disease specialists and public wellness officials to cope with the perception that they offer dry, unemotional factual statements about the benefits of immunization, while a group of antivaccine advocates convey heart-rending anecdotes about autistic kids they say have already been damaged by vaccines. He and Ann relay their personal story with uncommon honesty and sensitivity. Hotez is motivated by personal profit or is suffering from a conflict of curiosity! One of the most important points Dr.



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