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### The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer



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Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, and now a documentary from Ken Burns on PBS, The Emperor of All Maladies is an impressive, profoundly humane "biography" of cancer—from its first documented appearances a large number of years ago through the epic battles in the twentieth century to cure, control, and conquer it to a radical new knowledge of its essence. The story of cancer is a tale of individual ingenuity, resilience, and perseverance, but also of hubris, paternalism, and misperception. It is an illuminating reserve that provides hope and clearness to those wanting to demustify malignancy.s own leukemia individual, Carla, The Emperor of All Maladies is about the people who have soldiered through fiercely demanding regimens in order to survive—war against cancer. The result can be an astonishingly lucid and eloquent chronicle of a disease human beings have lived with—and perished from—for a lot more than five thousand years. Physician, researcher, and awardwinning science writer, Siddhartha Mukherjee examines cancers with a cellular biologist' Mukherjee recounts centuries of discoveries, setbacks, victories, and deaths, informed through the eye of his predecessors and peers, schooling their wits against an infinitely resourceful adversary that, just three years ago, was regarded as easily vanquished within an all-out "s interest." From the Persian Queen Atossa, whose Greek slave may have take off her diseased breast, to the nineteenthcentury recipients of primitive radiation and chemotherapy to Mukherjee' The publication reads just like a literary thriller with tumor as the protagonist.s perspective, and a biographer'also to increase our understanding of this iconic disease. Riveting, urgent, and unexpected, The Emperor of All Maladies provides a fascinating glimpse in to the future of cancer remedies.s accuracy, a historian'



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browse it after your treatment Last April I was diagnosed with acute leukaemia. He offers pulled jointly the disparate threads of a complicated and highly technical subject matter and made if human being and accessible. What makes this tale different and far from dry is the way S. You are also extremely anary. That which was until lately a death sentence is no more the case. The initial two weeks pass in a weird nightmare. Day 17 your locks falls out. Your peeing orange from the chemo medications, which have place me off lucozade for life. I believe he speaks to people that have no background in medical education such as for example me. At the age of 44 you have become angry. You realise you are likely likely to die. It gives beautiful descriptions of the grit sufferers need to endure such debilitating disease; Everything you prepared for when you were older is all meaningless. Mukherjee tells it: "the story of leukemia - the tale of tumor - isn't the tale of doctors who struggle and survive, moving in one institution to some other. This book helps explain most of the questions I had. Understandable for the common person. I asked myself was now there something I got done in my past that was going to deprive me seeing my two sons grow up into happy teenagers and dads. The fight against malignancy was waged by intrepid individuals, which book explains the war so far. It outlines the sources of cancer, whether it's a virus, bacterias, induced by smoking cigarettes or chemicals, or just our very own body playing up and turning on itself. Best cancer book written Wonderfully written to reveal cancer. We learned that was once a loss of life sentence is not the case today. I am looking forward to see my sons become men. This publication gave me clarity, it gave me wish. An insider's view of cancer I only read this book because Ken Burns produced a documentary onto it that is developing in the Springtime of 2015. I recommend it Great quality and great price. Over the book, there is one common character, cancer. Although cancer is not a single disease but a assortment of several diseases seen as a uncontrolled growth and spread of cells in the body, the publication portrays cancer as a great villain, lurking in the shadows, prepared to strike at any time. If you are told you have tumor you are bewildered. But, because of specific stubbornness and amazing treatment and care and attention, and a generous sift of existence from a German donor of life providing stem cells, I am alive. It is the story of patients who struggle and survive, moving in one embankment of disease to some other. Resilience, inventiveness, and survivorship — qualities often ascribed to great physicians — are reflected characteristics, emanating initial from those that have a problem with illness and just then mirrored by those who treat them. The author's extensive knowledge and sharp intelligence make this publication a riveting and compelling page-turner of mammoth scope and incredible detail."Over the publication, we are also introduced to ways of fighting or stalling the advance of cancer: radical surgery and radical mastectomy, X-rays, cutotoxics, monoclonal antibodies, tyrosine kinase inhibitors and S.The fight to find a cure for cancer has triggered enormous social forces in the 20th century and in the book we are introduced to some of the primary characters. Sidney Farber and the Jimmy Fund, Mary Lasker and the American Cancer Society both determined to enact policy changes that will get more resources assigned to the war against cancer. The last 200 webpages were phenomenal and often describes why I chose oncology as a profession. Mukherjee explains really well how all of the above function (or don't function in some instances). These are just a couple figures in this battle, but there were other forces aswell that fought for cigarette labeling for instance, or even more personal struggles related to compassionate drug make use of.S. Mukherjee ends the publication on a far more positive be aware. All throughout the publication we get the impression that primitive forces are battling a very complex disease, using disfiguring surgery or medications that oftentimes end up leading to cancer themselves. The ultimate few chapters are not so gloomy, he takes a molecular biologist's look at of the disease and clarifies our current knowledge of the procedures and pathways included and you do get the impression that by 2050

we are able to target the specific pathways and mutations that define a particular type of cancer. Outstanding historical overview of a terrible disease This book was outstanding, and one that should be read with care for anyone working in oncology. Although factually interested, I felt the publication was slightly dry while reviewing the early history of cancer care. The change in prose was palpable since it transitioned to contemporary oncology, where in fact the author gave detailed, psychological accounts of his very own patient interactions. One of the strengths of the publication is that it gives a behind the scenes look at how particular drugs or procedures came to be (Druker's struggles with developing imatinib) or how various other procedures were shown to be as well radical and changed such as Halsted's radical mastectomy. You are angry because you have no idea what is doing it. transcending the physical body into a higher understanding. Comprehensive and Intelligent I read this reserve after getting treated with chemo, radiation and procedure for stage II breasts cancer. What could have been a dry textbook of voluminous information becomes an awe-inspiring trip through the annals and future of cancer. The author's writing is certainly luminous, passionate and effective. If the history of medicine is told through the tales of doctors, for the reason that their contributions stand instead of the even more substantive heroism of their individuals. As a tumor survivor, I highly recommend this publication to anyone touched by the disease. The past, present and future of cancer A detailed analysis of days gone by, present and potential of tumor that leaves its mark on all, not merely the ones diagnosed with it. Amazing, fascinating and enlightening The author, besides being a outstanding clinician, is skilled storyteller and a riveting writer. Impeccable. Respect the history and respect the people who laod their lives for better future. Superbly written abt malignancy history and medicine overall Helpful An in depth history of cancer and its treatment. Very well written. It explains how our own understanding is still basic but advancing 12 months by year, and treatments, if not treatments, are being discovered for many, although not all cancers. It can it in a manner that makes sense unless you have a degree in science. Wow. Must read for all physicians Beaitiful. After a stem cell transplant I am approaching for a year. Browse this book. You won't be disappointed, regardless of whether you have personal or academic reasons to do so. reviews Liked it, used for reading Great quality and great price. You double check all your insurances are up-to-date and update a well to make sure my wife doesn't have any hassles with the tax authorities. He offers you both the big picture and also the microbiological understanding. Extremely educational to most of us. Best I've ever read This writer is indeed good I purchased other books written by him. I really love Ken Burns documentaries, hence the interest. I recommend it



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