

Rats, Lice and History

A STUDY IN BIOGRAPHY

This modern classic, witty, racy and profound, is the biography of a bacillus, the history of a world scourge against which the author fought the good fight.

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Rats, Lice and History. Being a study in biography, which, after twelve preliminary chapters indispensable for the preparation of the lay reader, deals with the life history of typhus fever.



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This book met all of my expectations, and more ..” Nonetheless it had not been to be. This book met all of my expectations, and more. It was interesting to read the stories of how illnesses and parasites had played major roles in the annals of the world. A classic. This reserve is a pretty short, quick read, so if you are interested in the annals of rodents, bugs, and disease, check it out. This one does. Illness isn't a punishment Studying it and going for a class on the Sociology of health and Illness really helped me personally understand the type of disease. I highly recommend it. Required book, good read Even though this book was required for a class, I came across it to be entertaining and informative. This publication is about how "vermin" have influenced humans throughout history, and why we have specific perceptions about rodents and bugs. The book is fairly comprehensive, covering history from the birth of agriculture to the industrial age for this day. I think of rodents as misunderstood, so this really resonated with me and helped me realize why some individuals hate them so much. The first and best My all-time favorite history-and-disease book. A one-of-a-kind book Interesting and witty browse. For anyone interested in the history of Typhus Fever, or just the transmitting of disease generally. And/or for people thinking about history and/or research. Had the writer continued to create as he did in the early section of the book, I would have been delighted. Five Stars Fascinating history of critters we don't think about, but should!! Really worth reading. Originally published in 1934, it has withstood the test of time. Clearly, the article writer loves his subject matter. I dutifully go through chapter after chapter with the entire expectation that this classic MUST get back to the type of fun, amazing discussions that were to be found in the early section of the book. Five Stars great Enlightening Not every book leaves you wiser than when you began. First read it as a teenager many a long time ago, and it most likely played a component in focusing my interest in biology. It makes sense out of the bits and pieces of history which are often neglected by the historians. Though this might appear another needless postponement of our biography, it represents our effort to determine the antiquity of typhus. A one-of-a-kind book. Chapter U, specifically, was a fun read where Zinsser discusses about "dealing more especially with so-called new diseases," something that ought to be read by anyone who's studying or conducting research on what is now referred to as "emerging illnesses." The next chapter can be worthwhile reading. He summarizes the topics covered in Chapter UI as ""Diseases of the ancient globe: a concern of the epidemic illnesses which afflicted the historic world, with attempts at making diagnoses which, if they're difficult to create at the length of one thousand years, are equally difficult under the circumstances to disprove. I assumed that I would truly enjoy reading this classic As an infectious illnesses professional, I assumed that I'd truly enjoy reading this basic.. His writing is certainly sly, witty and interesting, as he draws the reader directly into a developing appreciation of this unusual subject. A classic. A Compelling Read I love this book! A fascinating book. Well worth reading. Dr Zinsser shines through on every page, making it highly readable along with good technology (and sociology) background. I wrote a paper for university on this reserve and received a 98!



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