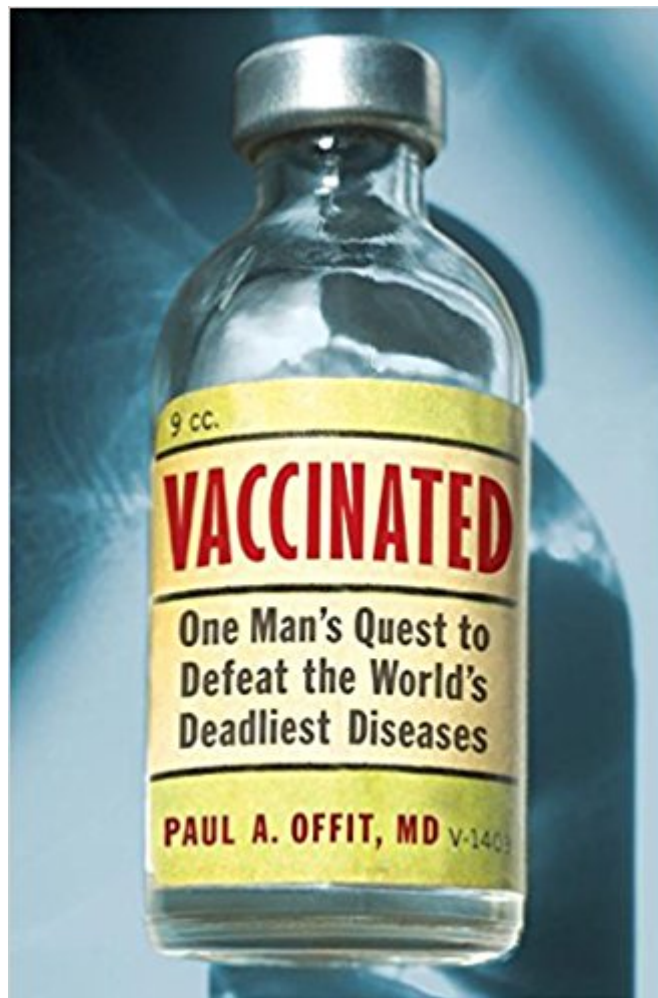




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Vaccinated: One Man's Quest To Defeat The World's Deadliest Diseases



Synopsis

His goal – to prevent every disease that commonly attacked children – was unattainable. But Maurice Hilleman came close. Maurice Hilleman is the father of modern vaccines. Chief among his accomplishments are nine vaccines that practically every child gets, rendering formerly deadly diseases – including mumps, rubella, and measles – nearly forgotten. Author Paul A. Offit's rich and lively narrative details Hilleman's research and experiences as the basis for a larger exploration of the development of vaccines, covering two hundred years of medical history and traveling across the globe in the process. The history of vaccines necessarily brings with it a cautionary message, as they have come under assault from those insisting they do more harm than good. Paul Offit clearly and compellingly rebuts these arguments, and, by demonstrating how much the work of Hilleman and others has gained for humanity, shows us how much we have to lose.

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Starred Review Maurice Hilleman's name isn't well known, and according to infectious disease expert Offit's riveting biography, that is both a shame and a blessing. It's a shame because the outspoken, brilliant, yet humble scientist from Montana invented vaccines that all but wiped out a number of infectious diseases. Thanks to his genius, such diseases as mumps, rubella, measles, and hepatitis A and B no longer claim millions of lives, mostly children's. He merits greater recognition. His obscurity is a blessing because it prevents more people from using his name in

vain, for Hilleman's vaccines have recently become increasingly controversial and their efficacy clouded by questions about adverse side effects. Still, Offit pulls no punches in defending Hilleman against those who would crucify him for combining measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines into one shot and for the choice to add thimerosal to extend the shelf life of all vaccines. Despite the fact that Offit's bias on behalf of public health shows, the book is a powerful examination of the kind of single-minded determination it takes to tackle diseases that threaten the world's children. And to do so without bravado; no vaccine bears Hilleman's name, no awards his mantle; is to define what it is to be simply heroic. Chavez, Donna --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

“This extraordinarily fine, well-researched, and beautifully written book deserves the widest possible readership. More physicians should write this well.” (Choice magazine)

This is such an incredibly well told story. Learning about Hilleman and his work, just extraordinary. Everyone should read this book, it's just that good.

So many things we take as common place have such an extraordinary beginning. Such is the case with vaccines!! Thank you to Dr Hilleman and so many of his contemporaries.

Reads like a novel. The writer also has the capacity to clearly explain scientific processes. Should be required reading for conspiracy theorists and those who continue to believe vaccines cause autism.

This book is a fascinating look into the life and work of a most interesting man. Well written and easy to understand for the non-scientist reader, it follows the development of many modern vaccines including the controversies around many of them. Like so many, I had no idea there was such a person as Maurice Hilleman but I will be forever grateful to him for his tireless devotion to his work and for his amazing accomplishments.

It is a good book. It is very well researched and the science is reasonably well explained. I agree with some of the reviewers that some ethical issues are a bit glossed over, but it is evident that the author struggles and tries to be objective. Also, sometimes the author repeats himself, stating over and over something he had already mentioned before - but in the whole, it is well written. It is a story

of very human struggles, both good and bad and is a good slice of life story into the world of vaccine development. Maurice Hilleman deserves to be remembered, and I am glad that this book was written.

Very good interesting read, well written with details included that make it more like a story than a scientific piece of literature. As a nurse the historical perspective looking back on what and how things were done now appears crude and unethical, but even that is explained in the book as well. Would be well worth the read to many who choose not to vaccinate. Statistics on all the children that were dying because there was nothing they could do to keep their children alive. It was a gamble for many if you lived or died! Or, they may have recovered with being crippled, deaf, blind or mentally disabled. Oh how soon we forget.....

I found this book explained vaccines and how they work well. I hope they are still made today the way Dr. Hilleman worked so hard to achieve.

A poorly recognized giant! Great story of a man who has saved untold thousands of lives. As a pediatrician, I was unaware of Hillerman's contributions. Well written, a good read. Strongly recommend this book if you're interested in child health and Immunizations.

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