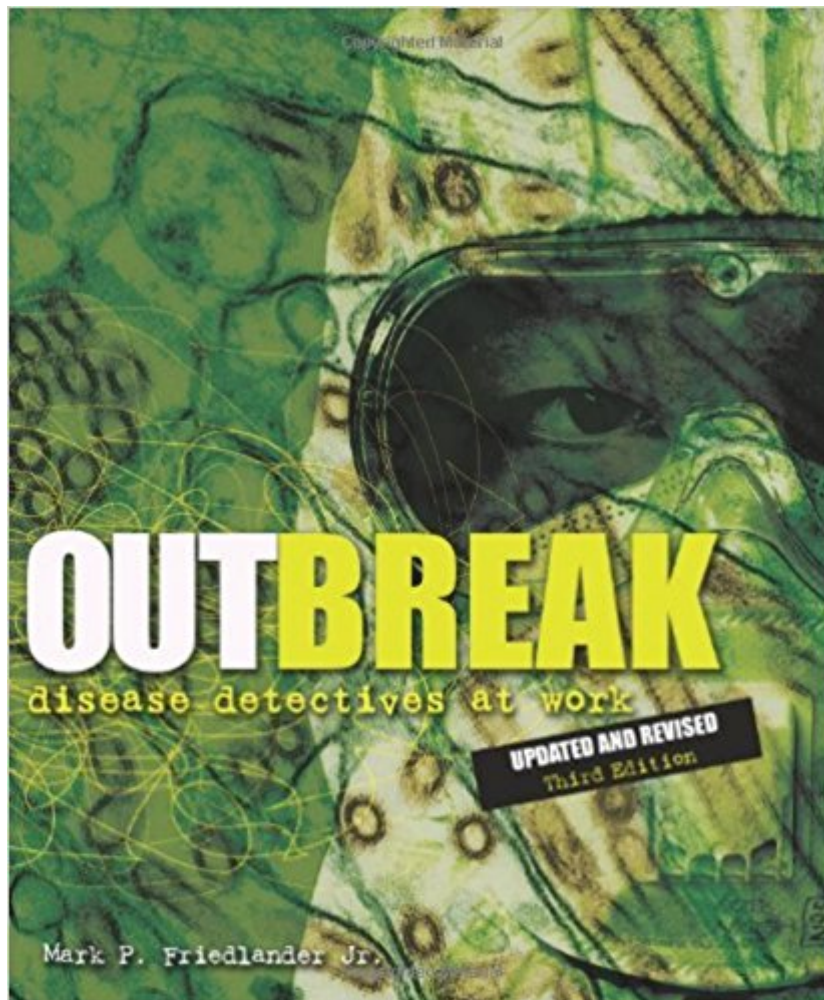




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Grade 6-9-This is an update of a title originally published in 2000. The text consists of a history of

epidemics, their causes, the people who worked to control the microbes, and cures, if available. The revisions include a section on anthrax in the discussion of "Great Plagues of History," some updated information on AIDS, and a new chapter on bioterrorism. Friedlander points out that although this is a relatively new term, the practice goes back to ancient cultures. Specific examples are given, from ancient Greece to the present. This is a readable, intriguing overview of the destructive power of epidemics and the critical work of public health professionals. Black-and-white and full-color photographs and reproductions, both contemporary and archival, appear throughout along with numerous depictions of microbes. A useful and timely addition to any collection. Cynthia M. Sturgis, Leding Library, Milwaukie, OR Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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