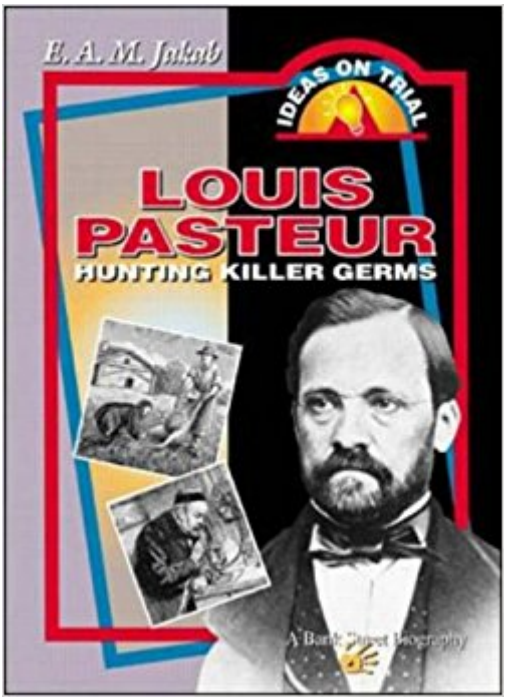
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Louis Pasteur: Hunting Killer Germs



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Synopsis

Can Louis Pasteur’s dog vaccine save young Joseph Meister from a horrible death from rabies? Or will the boy die in spite of Pasteur’s efforts and put the scientist at risk of being hanged for murder? Beginning with this pivotal scene, Louis Pasteur traces the story of Pasteur’s career, including his amazing discovery that germs cause disease and his development of vaccines for rabies and anthax. It is because of his theories, work, and courage that the vaccines we benefit from today exist at all. Readers will be mesmerized by the true story of "killer germs" and the dedicated man who fought them single-handedly.

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Can Louis Pasteur’s Dog Vaccine Save Nine-Year Old Joseph Meister? Savagely bitten 14 times by a rabid dog, Joseph is sure to die in agony from rabies. His desperate mother brings him to Pasteur’s laboratory on July 6, 1885, and begs the famous French scientist to use his new rabies vaccine on the boy. But the vaccine has been tested only on dogs. If it doesn’t work and the boy dies, Pasteur could be arrested for murder. But if he doesn’t use it, Joseph will die anyway. The rabies vaccine was the culmination of Pasteur’s years of pioneering work on the Germ Theory of Disease. Today, everyone knows about germs, microscopic organisms that cause disease. But in

Pasteur’s time, most people, including doctors, either refused to believe that such tiny creatures could hurt us, or simply didn’t believe they existed. Pasteur proved that germs are everywhere, even in the air we breathe. He showed how they spread and caused disease. And he developed vaccines against them - first, for chicken cholera and the anthrax that killed so many sheep and cows. Then he moved on to rabies: Pasteur wanted to use this vaccine first for animals and then adapt it for humans. If he could make one vaccine work on humans, then others could be developed for other diseases. But now, he had a crisis on his hands. Find out what happened to Joseph Meister and Pasteur in this vivid story of a poor boy from a small village who became one of history’s most renowned scientists. Using quotes from letters, diaries, newspapers, and journals of the time, author E.A.M. Jakav takes you along with Pasteur as he fights the ignorance and prejudices of the scientific community, tracks down deadly microbes, develops vaccines, and by "Curing ’Sick’ Wines" and "SAving Diseases Silkworms" also single-handedly saves two of France’s most important industries.

E.A.M. Jakab has written both fiction and non-fiction for both adults and young adults. The Bank Street College of Education was founded in 1916 in New York City under the name, the Bureau of Education Experiments. Known throughout the world as "America’s most trusted name in early childhood education," its mission is to make learning meaningful for all children.

Here is a fascinating book for young readers about one of the most important pioneers in medical microbiology. His patient persevering studies led to advances in our understanding of disease that we benefit from daily. This is a good introduction to a hero in the past who helped change perceptions about health and disease at a time in history when common misunderstanding cost many lives. We take this knowledge for granted now, but this inspiring book shows how Luis Pasteurs’s tenacity and determination to discover the truth about the natural world led to changes that saved countless lives. Highly recommended!

As an adult in the education field, I found this book not only engrossing and suspenseful, but informative, well-structured and clear. It’s a fantastic and painless introduction to Pasteur and to the history of medicine, told in an engaging narrative that is bound to inspire both boys and girls alike. I liked it so much I donated a copy to the local library.

Very enjoyable. A clear and enthralling presentation of an exciting discovery. The real difficulty

experienced by Louis Pasteur's contemporaries in comprehending the danger of from an almost invisible source is particularly well drawn. The resources section is also very useful and leads to other intriguing scientific subjects.

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