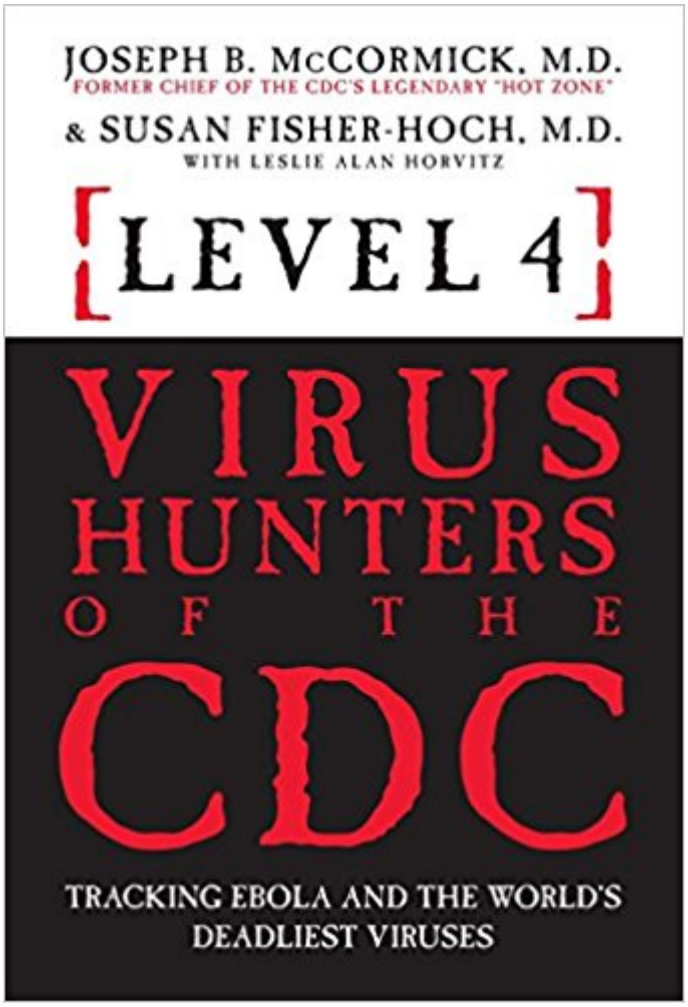
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Level 4: Virus Hunters Of The CDC - Tracking Ebola And The World's Deadliest Viruses



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Synopsis

"Level 4 is the highest degree of laboratory containment for isolation and experimentation on microbiological organisms. Level-4 organisms produce lethal illnesses in humans and, for the most part, have no treatment and no prevention. Among the most infamous are Ebola and Lassa." Ã¢â ¬â •fromÃ Â Level 4 Virus Hunters of the CDC Ã Â With the recent outbreaks of Ebola, and its arrival on American shores, more and more people have become awareÃ¢â ¬â •and frightenedÃ¢â ¬â •of this lethal virus. Husband-and-wife team Dr. Joseph B. McCormick and Dr. Susan Fisher-Hoch journey through equatorial Africa, Brazil's ghettos and rainforests, and settlements in northern Pakistan in search of those already infected by these killers. Filled with scientific knowledge, Level 4 explains how and why these viruses are so deadly and how we can prevent further devastating epidemics from breaking out.

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The hemorrhagic viral diseases, such as Ebola, are among the most elusive and gruesome diseases known to man. Joseph B. McCormick and Susan Fisher-Hoch, a husband-and-wife team formerly of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, have spent their lives tracking these pathogens, traversing the globe in heroic efforts to confine them and prevent epidemic. In Level 4, McCormick and Fisher-Hoch recount their most gripping and rewarding experiences, and give insight into the stubborn bravery and driving curiosity that compels them to continually put their own lives at risk for the welfare of humanity.

Fans of Richard Preston’s The Hot Zone (LJ 8/94) and Laurie Garrett’s The Coming Plague (LJ 9/15/94) should be eager to read these reminiscences by two researchers from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). McCormick (who is mentioned extensively in both books) and Fisher-Hoch worked together for many years investigating such exotic diseases as Lassa Fever and Ebola in Third World countries as well as at the CDC. They married in 1992 and now train epidemiologists in Karachi, Pakistan. Unfortuntately, the book’s tone is uneven. The aim seems to be to provide interesting stories rather than either a coherent history of a disease or a detailed biography of the physicians. Garrett’s book offers more information on the history and threat of emerging diseases, while Preston’s is better written. Nevertheless, this is fascinating reading, making clear the authors’ dedication and almost obsessive determination to find the source, nature, and possible cures for these frightening diseases. For all collections.-?Marit MacArthur, Auraria Lib., DenverCopyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I bought this book second hand as I’ve enjoyed several similar books in the past only to discover that this book was now out of print.It is very interesting to read biographies by those involved in the discovery of the modern plagues, where I would venture to say that Ebola is now fairly well known, although this may not have been the case a few years back. I enjoyed reading the first hand accounts of those that have been there and done that, so to say, trying to track down the pathogen behind the outbreaks you only read about in the newspapers.

It’s an incredibly interesting book on the first hand experiences of the people leading the charge on fighting disease out breaks. It’s easy to read, and there aren’t too many unpronounceable medical terms.

Excellent book!!!

Very informative... the book talks about how he begins his career then into virology/epidemiology endeavors

Very good book. Made me want to study molecular biology and travel to Africa.

Another book about the CDC which will absolutely send shivers up your spine! Scarier than fiction because fiction, it ain’t! The next time somebody sneezes on an airplane you’re on you just might

freek out!

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I lost this book in a home fire but I was able to find it here again and bought four copies. One was for myself and I gave the other three as gifts. So much for my review. I loved it, and it arrived in great condition and was delivered very fast. Thank you.Clarksville, Tn.

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