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Pharmaphobia Thomas P. Stossel 2015-04-16 While plenty can be said about the dysfunction of our health care system, rarely do business and private players in health care innovation get a good rap. This book takes on skeptics of the partnership between the medical community, political groups, and private businesses, by illustrating how such cooperation can result in world-class innovation and health care delivery.

On Epidemics Hippocrates 2021-04-10 "On Epidemics" by Hippocrates (translated by Francis Adams). Published by Good Press. Good Press publishes a wide range of titles that encompasses every genre. From well-known classics & literary fiction and non-fiction to forgotten—or yet undiscovered gems—of world literature, we issue the books that need to be read. Each Good Press edition has been meticulously edited and formatted to boost readability for all e-readers and devices. Our goal is to produce eBooks that are user-friendly and accessible to everyone in a high-quality digital format.

Pandora's Baby Robin Marantz Henig 2006 On a September morning in 1973, a hospital administrator in New York City learned of a rogue experiment in progress at his institution and ordered the destruction of a test tube containing a frothy mixture of human eggs and sperm. Had the experiment been allowed to continue, it might have resulted in the first human fetus created through in vitro fertilization ... [A]ward-winning journalist Robin Marantz Henig ... takes us back to the early days of IVF, when the procedure was viewed as crackpot science and its pioneers as outsiders in the medical world. Henig lays out the ethical and political battlefield of the 1970s—a battlefield that is recreated with each new technology—and traces the sea change that has occurred in the public perception of "test tube babies." ... [T]hat it was the first step down the slippery slope toward genetic engineering, designer babies, and human clones ... [and] a compelling story from the not-so-distant past, which brilliantly presents the scientific and ethical dilemmas we confront ever more starkly as germ-line engineering and human cloning become possible.--Provided by publisher

So You Think You Can Think Christopher DiCarlo 2020 "This book offers the reader genuine hope that civility has not been lost to blind, dogmatic beliefs in personal or political ideology and that we can regain our sense of fairness and continue to have discussions about important matters, disagree entirely, but still be able to get along and appreciate discourse over hatred, dialogue over violence, and most importantly, fairness and understanding in our disagreements on important issues"--

Killing Us Softly Paul Offit 2013 A medical expert - the Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia - offers a scathing expose of the alternative medicine industry, revealing how its popular therapies are ineffective, expensive and even deadly. A half a century ago, acupuncture, homeopathy, naturopathy, Chinese herbs, Christian exorcisms, dietary supplements, chiropractic manipulations and traditional Indian remedies were once considered on the fringe of medicine. Now, these practices-known as alternative, complementary, holistic, and integrative medicine-have become mainstream, used by those seeking to burn fat, detoxify livers, shrink prostates, alleviate colds, stimulate brains, boost energy, reduce stress, enhance immunity, eliminate pain, prevent cancer, and enliven sex. But as Paul Offit reveals, alternative medicine - an unregulated industry under no legal obligation to prove its claims or admit its risks - can actually be harmful to our health.

The Girl With All the Gifts M. R. Carey 2014-06-10 In the ruins of civilization, a young girl's kindness and capacity for love will either save humanity -- or wipe it out in this USA Today bestselling thriller Joss Whedon calls "heartfelt, remorseless, and painfully human." Melanie is a very special girl. Dr Caldwell calls her "our little genius." Every morning, Melanie waits in her cell to be collected for class. When they come for her, Sergeant keeps his gun pointed at her while two of his people strap her into the wheelchair. She thinks they don't like her. She jokes that she won't bite, but they don't laugh.

Do You Believe in Magic? Paul A. Offit, M.D. 2013-06-18 Medical expert Paul A. Offit, M.D., offers a scathing exposé of the alternative medicine industry, revealing how even though some popular therapies are remarkably helpful due to the placebo response, many of them are ineffective, expensive, and even deadly. Dr. Offit reveals how alternative medicine—an unregulated industry under no legal obligation to prove its claims or admit its risks—can actually be harmful to our health. Using dramatic real-life stories, Offit separates the sense from the nonsense, showing why any therapy—alternative or traditional—should be scrutinized. He also shows how some nontraditional methods can do a great deal of good, in some cases exceeding therapies offered by conventional practitioners. An outspoken advocate for science-based health advocacy who is not afraid to take on media celebrities who promote alternative practices, Dr. Offit advises, "There's no such thing as alternative medicine. There's only medicine that works and medicine that doesn't."

Pandora's Lab Paul A. Offit 2019-04-02 In this eye-opening narrative, now in paperback, mediagenic doctor and research scientist Paul Offit presents seven scientific breakthroughs that backfired--with catastrophic consequences to our health and environment. History is filled with brilliant ideas that gave rise to disaster, and this book explores its most fascinating--and significant--missteps. Acclaimed physician and author Paul Offit offers a bouquet of riveting scientific misadventures: from opium's heyday to today's realization that it is devastatingly addictive; from the rise of trans fats to the heart disease epidemic that followed; from the cries to ban DDT to protect the environment to an epidemic-level rise in world malaria. These

unwitting errors and more add up to seven lessons both cautionary and profound. In this riveting book, Offit uses these lessons to investigate how we can tell sin from science, using some of today's most controversial creations--e-cigarettes, GMOs, drug treatments for ADHD as case studies. For every "aha!" moment that should have been an "oh no," Pandora's Lab is an engrossing account of how science has been misused--and how we can learn to use its power for good.

Autism's False Prophets Paul A. Offit 2010-04-02 "With a new preface by the author"--Cover.

Magnificent Mistakes in Mathematics Alfred S. Posamentier 2013-08-13 Two veteran math educators demonstrate how some "magnificent mistakes" had profound consequences for our understanding of mathematics' key concepts. In the nineteenth century, English mathematician William Shanks spent fifteen years calculating the value of pi, setting a record for the number of decimal places. Later, his calculation was reproduced using large wooden numerals to decorate the cupola of a hall in the Palais de la Découverte in Paris. However, in 1946, with the aid of a mechanical desk calculator that ran for seventy hours, it was discovered that there was a mistake in the 528th decimal place. Today, supercomputers have determined the value of pi to trillions of decimal places. This is just one of the amusing and intriguing stories about mistakes in mathematics in this layperson's guide to mathematical principles. In another example, the authors show that when we "prove" that every triangle is isosceles, we are violating a concept not even known to Euclid - that of "betweenness." And if we disregard the time-honored Pythagorean theorem, this is a misuse of the concept of infinity. Even using correct procedures can sometimes lead to absurd - but enlightening - results. Requiring no more than high-school-level math competency, this playful excursion through the nuances of math will give you a better grasp of this fundamental, all-important science.

The Philosophy of Psychology George Botterill 1999-08-19 An accessible analysis of the relationship between folk psychology and contemporary scientific psychology.

You Bet Your Life Paul A Offit 2021-09-21 One of America's top physicians traces the history of risk in medicine—with powerful lessons for today Every medical decision—whether to have chemotherapy, an X-ray, or surgery—is a risk, no matter which way you choose. In *You Bet Your Life*, physician Paul A. Offit argues that, from the first blood transfusions four hundred years ago to the hunt for a COVID-19 vaccine, risk has been essential to the discovery of new treatments. More importantly, understanding the risks is crucial to whether, as a society or as individuals, we accept them. Told in Offit's vigorous and rigorous style, *You Bet Your Life* is an entertaining history of medicine. But it also lays bare the tortured relationships between intellectual breakthroughs, political realities, and human foibles. Our pandemic year has shown us, with its debates over lockdowns, masks, and vaccines, how easy it is to get everything wrong. *You Bet Your Life* is an essential read for getting the future a bit more right.

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variety of conditions, from excess weight to cancer. But alternative medicine is an unregulated industry under no legal obligation to prove its claims or admit its risks, and many popular alternative therapies are ineffective, expensive, or even deadly. In *Do You Believe in Magic?* Dr. Offit debunks the treatments that don't work and tells us why, and takes on the media celebrities who promote alternative medicine. Using dramatic real-life stories, he separates the sense from the nonsense, explaining why any therapy—alternative or traditional—should be scrutinized. As Dr. Offit explains, some popular therapies are remarkably helpful due to the placebo response, but "there's no such thing as alternative medicine. There's only medicine that works and medicine that doesn't."

Pandora's Breeches Patricia Fara 2011-01-18 'Had God intended Women merely as a finer sort of cattle, he would not have made them reasonable.' Writing in 1673, Bathsua Makin was one of the first women to insist that girls should receive a scientific education. Despite the efforts of Makin and her successors, women were excluded from universities until the end of the nineteenth century, yet they found other ways to participate in scientific projects. Taking a fresh look at history, *Pandora's Breeches* investigates how women contributed to scientific progress. As well as collaborating in home-based research, women corresponded with internationally-renowned scholars, hired tutors, published their own books and translated and simplified important texts, such as Newton's book on gravity. They played essential roles in work frequently attributed solely to their husbands, fathers or friends.

Ten Drugs Thomas Hager 2019-03-05 "The stories are skillfully told and entirely entertaining . . . An expert, mostly feel-good book about modern medicine" from the award-winning author (Kirkus Reviews, starred review). Behind every landmark drug is a story. It could be an oddball researcher's genius insight, a catalyzing moment in geopolitical history, a new breakthrough technology, or an unexpected but welcome side effect discovered during clinical trials. Piece together these stories, as Thomas Hager does in this remarkable, century-spanning history, and you can trace the evolution of our culture and the practice of medicine. Beginning with opium, the "joy plant," which has been used for 10,000 years, Hager tells a captivating story of medicine. His subjects include the largely forgotten female pioneer who introduced smallpox inoculation to Britain, the infamous knockout drops, the first antibiotic, which saved countless lives, the first antipsychotic, which helped empty public mental hospitals, Viagra, statins, and the new frontier of monoclonal antibodies. This is a deep, wide-ranging, and wildly entertaining book. "[An] absorbing new book." —The New York Times Book Review "[A] well-written and engaging chronicle." —The Wall Street Journal "Lucidly informative and compulsively readable." —Publishers Weekly "Entertaining [and] insightful." —Booklist "Well-written, well-researched and fascinating to read *Ten Drugs* provides an insightful look at how drugs have shaped modern medical practices. Towards the end of the book Hager writes that he 'came away surprised by some of the things he had learned.' I had the very same reaction." —Penny Le Couteur, coauthor of *Napoleon's Buttons: How 17 Molecules Changed History*

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Social Chemistry Marissa King 2022-01-04 “One of the most interesting and useful books ever written on networking.”—Adam Grant *Social Chemistry* will utterly transform the way you think about “networking.” Understanding the contours of your social network can dramatically enhance personal relationships, work life, and even your global impact. Are you an Expansionist, a Broker, or a Convener? The answer matters more than you think. . . . Yale professor Marissa King shows how anyone can build more meaningful and productive relationships based on insights from neuroscience, psychology, and network analytics. Conventional wisdom says it's the size of your network that matters, but social science research has proven there is more to it. King explains that the quality and structure of our relationships has the greatest impact on our personal and professional lives. As she illustrates, there are three basic types of networks, so readers can see the role they are already playing: Expansionist, Broker, or Convener. This network decoder enables readers to own their network style and modify it for better alignment with their life plans and values. High-quality connections in your social network strongly predict cognitive functioning, emotional resilience, and satisfaction at work. A well-structured network is likely to boost the quality of your ideas, as well as your pay. Beyond the office, social connections are the lifeblood of our health and happiness. The compiled results from dozens of previous studies found that our social relationships have an effect on our likelihood of dying prematurely—equivalent to obesity or smoking. Rich stories of Expansionists like Vernon Jordan, Brokers like Yo-Yo Ma, and Conveners like Anna Wintour, as well as personal experiences from King's own world of connections, inform this warm, engaging, revelatory investigation into some of the most consequential decisions we can make about the trajectory of our lives.

The Eyes of Darkness Dean Ray Koontz 2008 Tina Evans, grieving over the death of her little boy in a tragic accident, and her compassionate lover embark on a terrifying odyssey in search of the truth about her son's death and the shocking messages that lead her to believe that the child may not be dead after all.

The House of the Scorpion Nancy Farmer 2013-08-01 Matt is six years old when he discovers that he is different from other children and other people. To most, Matt isn't considered a boy at all, but a beast, dirty and disgusting. But to El Patron, lord of a country called Opium, Matt is the guarantee of eternal life. El Patron loves Matt as he loves himself - for Matt is himself. They share the exact same DNA. As Matt struggles to understand his existence and what that existence truly means, he is threatened by a host of sinister and manipulating characters, from El Patron's power-hungry family to the brain-deadened eejits and mindless slaves that toil Opium's poppy fields. Surrounded by a dangerous army of bodyguards, escape is the only chance Matt has to survive. But even escape is no guarantee of freedom... because Matt is marked by his difference in ways that he doesn't even suspect.

Pandora's Hope Bruno Latour 1999-06-30 A scientist friend asked Bruno Latour point-blank: "Do you believe in reality?" Taken aback by this strange query, Latour offers his meticulous response in Pandora's Hope. It is a remarkable argument for understanding the reality of science in practical terms. In this book, Latour, identified by Richard Rorty as the new "bête noire of the science worshipers," gives us his most philosophically informed book since Science in Action. Through case studies of scientists in the Amazon analyzing soil and in Pasteur's lab studying the fermentation of lactic acid, he shows us the myriad steps by which events in the material world are transformed into items of scientific knowledge. Through many examples in the world of technology, we see how the material and human worlds come together and are reciprocally transformed in this process. Why, Latour asks, did the idea of an independent reality, free of human interaction, emerge in the first place? His answer to this question, harking back to the debates between Might and Right narrated by Plato, points to the real stakes in the so-called science wars: the perplexed submission of ordinary people before the warring forces of claimants to the ultimate truth.

Overkill Paul A. Offit, M.D. 2020-04-14 An acclaimed medical expert and patient advocate offers an eye-opening look at many common and widely used medical interventions that have been shown to be far more harmful than helpful. Yet, surprisingly, despite clear evidence to the contrary, most doctors continue to recommend them. Modern medicine has significantly advanced in the last few decades as more informed practices, thorough research, and incredible breakthroughs have made it possible to successfully treat and even eradicate many serious ailments. Illnesses that once were a death sentence, such as HIV and certain forms of cancer, can now be managed, allowing those affected to live longer, healthier lives. Because of these advances, we now live 30 years longer than we did 100 years ago. But while we have learned much in the preceding decades that has changed our outlook and practices, we still rely on medical interventions that are vastly out of date and can adversely affect our health. We all know that finishing the course of antibiotics prevents the recurrence of illness, that sunscreens block harmful UV rays that cause skin cancer, and that all cancer-screening programs save lives. But do scientific studies really back this up? In this game-changing book, Dr. Paul A. Offit debunks fifteen common medical interventions that have long been considered gospel despite mounting evidence of their adverse effects, from vitamins, sunscreen, fever-reducing medicines, and eyedrops for pink eye to more serious procedures like heart stents and knee surgery. Analyzing how these practices came to be, the biology of what makes them so ineffective and harmful, and the medical culture that continues to promote them, Overkill informs patients to help them advocate for their health. By educating ourselves, we can ask better questions about some of the drugs and surgeries that are all too readily available—and all too heavily promoted.

Romancing the Gods Collection Charley Marsh 2021-11-15 Humans have been telling one another stories ever since they first developed language. Stories that teach, stories that entertain. The ancient Greek story tellers had a nasty habit of punishing their main characters, especially when it came to romance. I'm bringing these couples into modern times and giving them not only new lives, but also another chance to find the happily ever after they deserve. This collection contains the first four books in the Romancing a God series. Pandora Curiosity killed the cat. It also changed the course of mankind. Pandora Jones roams her city streets at night, collecting the worries that keep others awake and securing them in special boxes that she makes. The ultimate lonely girl, trying to atone for her ancestor's costly mistake, just like the long line of Pandoras before her. Zeus sends his handsome eldest son to set things right

with Pandora but neglects to tell Zee exactly who to look for, what to do, or even why he's been sent. That would take all the fun out of the game and everyone knows the Olympic gods love their games. Cassandra Engaged to marry Portland's most eligible bachelor, an up and coming lawyer in the city's most prestigious law firm, Cassandra Brown can't believe her good fortune. Her life is perfect except for one teeny, tiny thing—she can see the future, but no one ever listens. Handsome Pauli knows about Cassie's gift. He knows why no one listens when she tries to warn them. He even knows what needs to be done about it—but can he convince Cassie to give up her perfect dream? Artemis Artemis Smith prefers work over romance. After five years of plotting and planning she lands a coveted project in her beloved Portland, Maine. Unfortunately, her father lines up financing for the project with Jack Orion, a man who plays hard, works hard, and goes through beautiful women like they're an endless commodity. Artemis has no intention of becoming one of Jack's conquests, but Orion can't ignore a challenge—especially when the prize is the intelligent and alluring Artemis Smith. Andromeda Constantly judged by her looks, Andromeda White doesn't fit in anywhere. She tries her best to fulfill her parents' expectations but never earns their love, the one thing she most wants. Now they expect her to make the ultimate sacrifice for their business—to marry a man she despises. Andromeda rebels and makes a bid for love and happiness—until she discovers the fates of hundreds lie in her hands. Can she find a way to free herself from her destiny and seize happiness?

The Vaccine Race Meredith Wadman 2018-09-04 "A real jewel of science history...brims with suspense and now-forgotten catastrophe and intrigue...Wadman's smooth prose calmly spins a surpassingly complicated story into a real tour de force."—The New York Times "Riveting . . . [The Vaccine Race] invites comparison with Rebecca Skloot's 2007 *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*."—Nature The epic and controversial story of a major breakthrough in cell biology that led to the conquest of rubella and other devastating diseases. Until the late 1960s, tens of thousands of American children suffered crippling birth defects if their mothers had been exposed to rubella, popularly known as German measles, while pregnant; there was no vaccine and little understanding of how the disease devastated fetuses. In June 1962, a young biologist in Philadelphia, using tissue extracted from an aborted fetus from Sweden, produced safe, clean cells that allowed the creation of vaccines against rubella and other common childhood diseases. Two years later, in the midst of a devastating German measles epidemic, his colleague developed the vaccine that would one day wipe out homegrown rubella. The rubella vaccine and others made with those fetal cells have protected more than 150 million people in the United States, the vast majority of them preschoolers. The new cells and the method of making them also led to vaccines that have protected billions of people around the world from polio, rabies, chicken pox, measles, hepatitis A, shingles and adenovirus. Meredith Wadman's masterful account recovers not only the science of this urgent race, but also the political roadblocks that nearly stopped the scientists. She describes the terrible dilemmas of pregnant women exposed to German measles and recounts testing on infants, prisoners, orphans, and the intellectually disabled, which was common in the era. These events take place at the dawn of the battle over using human fetal tissue in research, during the arrival of big commerce in campus labs, and as huge changes take place in the laws and practices governing who "owns" research cells and the profits made from biological inventions. It is also the story of yet one more unrecognized woman whose cells have been used to save countless lives. With another frightening virus--measles--on the rise today, no medical story could have more human drama, impact, or urgency than *The Vaccine Race*.

Bad Faith Paul Offit 2015-03-10 When Jesus said, "Suffer the children," faith healing is not what he had in mind

Gory Details Erika Engelhaupt 2021-03-02 Uses humour and real science to illuminate the gross, strange, morbid, and outright absurd realities of our bodies, our earth, and our universe.

Pandora's Lab Paul A. Offit 2017 Exploring the most fascinating and significant scientific missteps, the author presents seven cautionary lessons to separate good science from bad.

The World Book Encyclopedia 2002 An encyclopedia designed especially to meet the needs of elementary, junior high, and senior high school students.

Broke in America Joanne Samuel Goldblum 2021-02-02 FOREWORD INDIES FINALIST — POLITICAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES NAUTILUS BOOK AWARDS SILVER MEDALIST — SOCIAL CHANGE & SOCIAL JUSTICE ERIC HOFFER BOOK AWARD 1ST RUNNER UP — CULTURE & MONTAIGNE MEDAL NOMINEE "A valuable resource in the fight against poverty." —Publishers Weekly "An exploration of why so many Americans are struggling financially . . . A down-to-earth overview of the causes and effects of poverty and possible remedies." —Kirkus Reviews Water. Food. Housing. The most basic and crucial needs for survival, yet 40 percent of people in the United States don't have the resources to get them. With key policy changes, we could eradicate poverty in this country within our lifetime—but we need to get started now. Nearly 40 million people in the United States live below the poverty line—about \$26,200 for a family of four. Low-income families and individuals are everywhere, from cities to rural communities. While poverty is commonly seen as a personal failure, or a deficiency of character or knowledge, it's actually the result of bad policy. Public policy has purposefully erected barriers that deny access to basic needs, creating a society where people can easily become trapped—not because we lack the resources to lift them out, but because we are actively choosing not to. Poverty is close to inevitable for low-wage workers and their children, and a large percentage of these people, despite qualifying for it, do not receive government aid. From Joanne Samuel Goldblum and Colleen Shaddox, *Broke in America* offers an eye-opening and galvanizing look at life in poverty in this country: how circumstances and public policy conspire to keep people poor, and the concrete steps we can take to end poverty for good. In clear, accessible prose, Goldblum and Shaddox detail the ways the current system is broken and how it's failing so many of us. They also highlight outdated and ineffective policies that are causing or contributing to this unnecessary problem. Every chapter features action items readers can use to combat poverty—both nationwide and in our local communities, including the most effective public policies you can support and how to work hand-in-hand with representatives to affect change. So far, our attempted solutions have fallen short because they try to "fix" poor people rather than address the underlying problems. Fortunately, it's much easier to fix policy than people. Essential and timely, *Broke in America* offers a crucial road map for securing a brighter future.

Bad Science Ben Goldacre 2010-10-12 Have you ever wondered how one day the media can assert that alcohol is bad for us and the next unashamedly run a story touting the benefits of daily alcohol consumption? Or how a drug that is pulled off the market for causing heart attacks ever got approved in the first place? How can average readers, who aren't medical doctors or Ph.D.s in biochemistry, tell what they should be paying attention to and what's, well, just more bullshit? Ben Goldacre has made a point of exposing quack doctors and

nutritionists, bogus credentialing programs, and biased scientific studies. He has also taken the media to task for its willingness to throw facts and proof out the window. But he's not here just to tell you what's wrong. Goldacre is here to teach you how to evaluate placebo effects, double-blind studies, and sample sizes, so that you can recognize bad science when you see it. You're about to feel a whole lot better.

Deadly Choices Paul A. Offit 2015-03-10 A renowned researcher vigorously challenges the anti-vaccine movement in this powerful defense of science in the face of fear.

The Next Pandemic Ali Khan 2016-05-24 An inside account of the fight to contain the world's deadliest diseases--and the panic and corruption that make them worse Throughout history, humankind's biggest killers have been infectious diseases: the Black Death, the Spanish Flu, and AIDS alone account for over one hundred million deaths. We ignore this reality most of the time, but when a new threat--Ebola, SARS, Zika--seems imminent, we send our best and bravest doctors to contain it. People like Dr. Ali S. Khan. In his long career as a public health first responder--protected by a thin mask from infected patients, napping under nets to keep out scorpions, making life-and-death decisions on limited, suspect information--Khan has found that rogue microbes will always be a problem, but outbreaks are often caused by people. We make mistakes, politicize emergencies, and, too often, fail to imagine the consequences of our actions. *The Next Pandemic* is a firsthand account of disasters like anthrax, bird flu, and others--and how we could do more to prevent their return. It is both a gripping story of our brushes with fate and an urgent lesson on how we can keep ourselves safe from the inevitable next pandemic.

Bad Advice Paul A. Offit 2018-06-19 Science doesn't speak for itself. Neck-deep in work that can be messy and confounding, and naïve in the ways of public communication, scientists are often unable to package their insights into the neat narratives that the public requires. Enter the celebrities, the advocates, the lobbyists, and the funders behind them, who take advantage of scientists' reluctance to provide easy answers, flooding the media with misleading or incorrect claims about health risks. Amid this onslaught of spurious information, Americans are more confused than ever about what's good for them and what isn't. In *Bad Advice*, Paul A. Offit shares hard-earned wisdom on the do's and don'ts of battling misinformation. For the past twenty years, Offit has been on the front lines in the fight for sound science and public health. Stepping into the media spotlight as few scientists have done—such as being one of the first to speak out against conspiracy theories linking vaccines to autism—he found himself in the crosshairs of powerful groups intent on promoting pseudoscience. *Bad Advice* discusses science and its adversaries: not just the manias stoked by slick charlatans and their miracle cures but also corrosive, dangerous ideologies such as Holocaust and climate-change denial. Written with wit and passion, Offit's often humorous guide to taking on quack experts and self-appointed activists is a must-read for any American disturbed by the recent uptick in politicized attacks on science.

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The Demon in the Freezer Richard Preston 2003 Now in paperback--the timely and terrifying investigation into the dark underworld of biological weapons from the #1 "New York Times" bestselling author of "The Hot Zone."

Pandora's Lunchbox Melanie Warner 2013 CULTURAL STUDIES. In the tradition of "Fast Food Nation" and "The Omnivore's Dilemma" comes an "indispensable," (New York "Newsday") fascinating, and cutting-edge look at the scary truth about what really goes into our food. If a piece of individually wrapped cheese can retain its shape, color, and texture for years, what does it say about the food we eat and feed to our children? Former "New York Times" business reporter and mother Melanie Warner decided to explore that question when she observed the phenomenon of the indestructible cheese. She began an investigative journey that took her to research labs, university food science departments, and factories around the country. What she discovered provides a rare, eye-opening--and sometimes disturbing--account of what we're really eating.

Pandora's Daughter Iris Johansen 2007-10-16 Building a successful practice on her ability to empathize with her patients, physician Megan Blair is haunted by the mysterious loss in childhood of her mother, from whom she inherited emerging psychic powers that others would exploit for murderous purposes. 500,000 first printing.

The Andromeda Strain Michael Crichton 2012-05-14 From the author of Jurassic Park, Timeline, and Sphere comes a captivating thriller about a deadly extraterrestrial microorganism, which threatens to annihilate human life. Five prominent biophysicists have warned the United States government that sterilization procedures for returning space probes may be inadequate to guarantee uncontaminated re-entry to the atmosphere. Two years later, a probe satellite falls to the earth and lands in a desolate region of northeastern Arizona. Nearby, in the town of Piedmont, bodies lie heaped and flung across the ground, faces locked in frozen surprise. What could cause such shock and fear? The terror has begun, and there is no telling where it will end.

Vaccinated Paul A. Offit, M.D. 2009-10-13 Vaccines save millions of lives every year, and one man, Maurice Hilleman, was responsible for nine of the big fourteen. Paul Offit recounts his story and the story of vaccines Maurice Hilleman discovered nine vaccines that practically every child gets, rendering formerly dread diseases—including often devastating ones such as mumps and rubella—practically forgotten. Paul A. Offit, a vaccine researcher himself, befriended Hilleman and, during the great man's last months, interviewed him extensively about his life and career. Offit makes an eloquent and compelling case for Hilleman's

importance, arguing that, like Jonas Salk, his name should be known to everyone. But *Vaccinated* is also enriched and enlivened by a look at vaccines in the context of modern medical science and history, ranging across the globe and throughout time to take in a fascinating cast of hundreds, providing a vital contribution to the continuing debate over the value of vaccines.

Idlewild Nick Sagan 2008-01-02 “GRIPPING . . . the kind of book you simply don’t want to stop reading.”—Neil Gaiman He calls himself Halloween. He is a unique student attending a most prestigious boarding school—the Idlewild Immersive Virtual Reality Academy. While his body sleeps, his mind interacts with those of his fellow students under the tutelage of the enigmatic artificial intelligence known as Maestro. An inexplicable energy surge has damaged the IVR and fragmented Halloween’s mind. Convinced this anomaly was deliberately triggered to kill him, Halloween is desperate to recover his memories—only to discover a devastating revelation about his true existence. “Idlewild builds, not just in tension but in what it demands from the reader, ending up as a dark exploration of hidden realities.”—The Guardian “Sagan provides plenty of suspense and perfectly captures the angry adolescent solipsism that makes kids into hackers and superheroes.”—Entertainment Weekly

What Every Parent Should Know about Vaccines Paul A. Offit 1998 This book answers the questions parents most often ask pediatricians about vaccines. It describes vaccines that are given to all children, vaccines that are given to children in special circumstances, and vaccines for parents and grandparents.