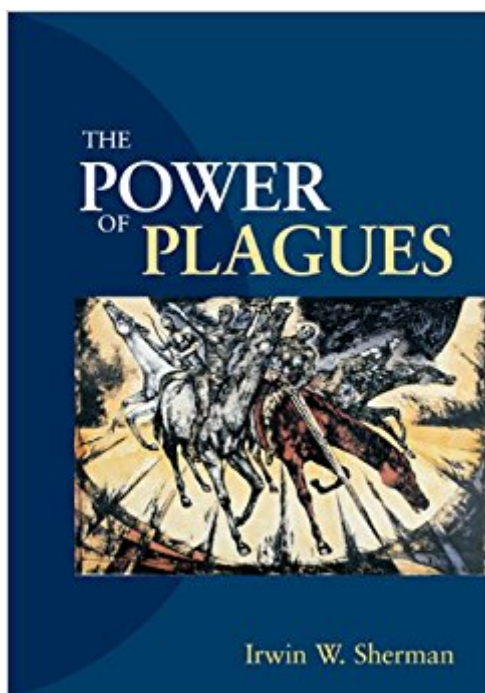


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# The Power Of Plagues



## Synopsis

A fascinating examination of epidemic diseases within a historical context. Describes the nature and evolution of diseases. Explains how scientists discovered the causes of infectious diseases and outlines how controls were developed. Examines the interrelationship between plagues and culture and details the ways this shaped the traditions and institutions of Western civilization. Highlights current epidemics such as AIDS, cholera, tuberculosis, influenza, West Nile virus, mad cow disease, and others. Addresses the public's curiosity with outbreaks and diseases of public health concern.

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This is simply one of the best books I've read in the last five years! Presentation of the various "plagues" is made in such a way as to be engaging to both the medical professional and, to some extent, also the lay reader. Sherman's timeline format allows for a lucid trip through time and disease, while the linkage between the various plagues and the course of history provides a new (and very reasonable) perspective for viewing the relationship between global events and human health. For me, there were several little "gifts" of new information along the way. (I won't spoil your fun by revealing them here.) Everyone who works in the medical field will love this book. It is my current favorite Christmas gift for my co-workers.

Bought the textbook for my sister. She failed the class this text was for, but it's not the book's fault.

I purchased this book for a class, and was glad our professor required it. Sherman provides brief overviews of many infectious diseases throughout history in a way that is detailed enough to be interesting, but not so bogged down in historical context that you lose the reader. Our class mostly uses it as an overview of each disease, its historical context and consequences with supplementation of further reading. In this role, this book is perfect.

Bought this book for my grad. school class. Really enjoyed it, definitely worth a read even if you are not in grad. school.

definetely did the job i needed it to do for schoolused it for a microbiology class called "people, plagues, and society"interesting stuff in it

If you are fascinated in learning about cultures different from your own and how much impact plagues can be on society, I would recommend this. It kept me interested.

I ordered this book for school a few years ago and will keep it on my bookshelf. VERY interesting and informative! A keeper.

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