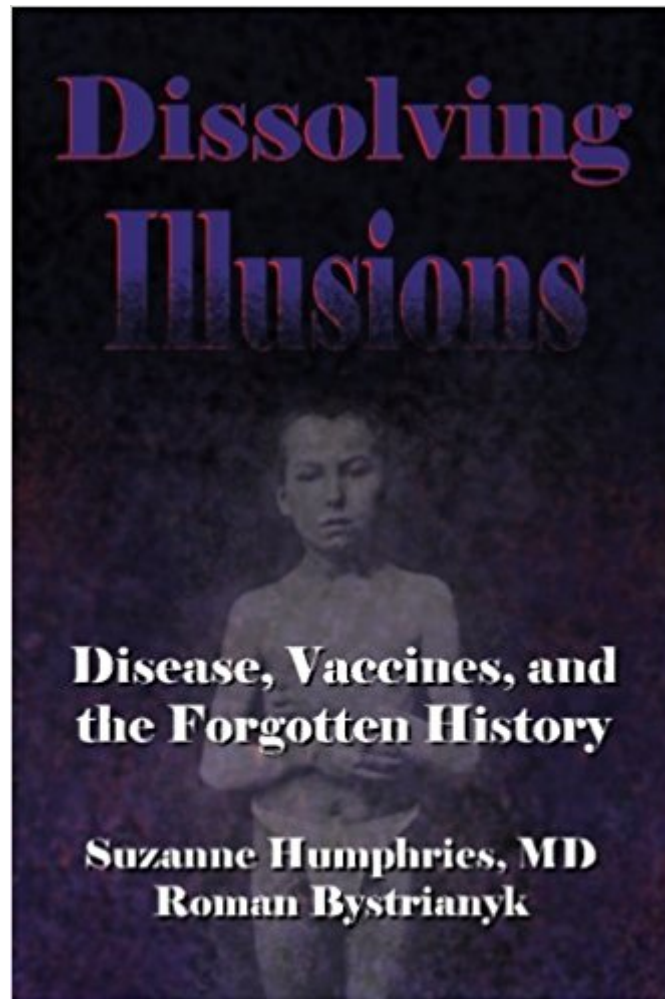


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Dissolving Illusions: Disease, Vaccines, And The Forgotten History



Synopsis

Not too long ago, lethal infections were feared in the Western world. Since that time, many countries have undergone a transformation from disease cesspools to much safer, healthier habitats. Starting in the mid-1800s, there was a steady drop in deaths from all infectious diseases, decreasing to relatively minor levels by the early 1900s. The history of that transformation involves famine, poverty, filth, lost cures, eugenicist doctrine, individual freedoms versus state might, protests and arrests over vaccine refusal, and much more. Today, we are told that medical interventions increased our lifespan and single-handedly prevented masses of deaths. But is this really true? *Dissolving Illusions* details facts and figures from long-overlooked medical journals, books, newspapers, and other sources. Using myth-shattering graphs, this book shows that vaccines, antibiotics, and other medical interventions are not responsible for the increase in lifespan and the decline in mortality from infectious diseases. If the medical profession could systematically misinterpret and ignore key historical information, the question must be asked, "What else is ignored and misinterpreted today?" Perhaps the best reason to know our history is so that the worst parts are never repeated.

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It is good to hear the 'other side of the story' on vaccines: having had children who reacted badly to childhood immunizations, and seeing the same thing happen with grandchildren, I am understandably nervous over the current push to vaccinate against every possible thing. I am also

old enough to remember when children regularly got measles, chicken pox, mumps and the like (I had them all). . .and never remember anyone having a serious problem recovering uneventfully. Anyone who listens to the news and reads current articles on advances in medicine has to be aware that there has been a great deal of 'spin' on this issue . . .and one seldom finds any true refutation of this spin except in 'alternative health' articles. As a critical reader, I not only read those articles but look for source documents and read those sources carefully, too. What I find is that there are plenty of small studies supporting Dr Andrew Wakefield's supposedly-discredited findings on an autism,/MMR link . . . and realizing that the majority of funding for such research comes from the very pharmaceutical industry which sells these vaccines. That is why there are NO large studies-and why these small studies get buried. There's a major profit motive here-a profit not endangered by valid lawsuits due to the Federal Government shielding them from litigation. One of the first clues-to me-was the continued insistence that modern medicine has increased the human life expectancy by many years. This is supposed to be common knowledge but what most people don't understand is that simply the reduction of infant mortality and childbirth deaths make up most of the increase. The figures are an average of ALL lives. No, your great-great-great-grandfather lived to be well over 45, most likely. You may be surprised to find just how far over 45 yrs! As the family genealogist, I read a lot of historical documents and even a cursory examination of lifespan among those people doesn't show that shortened lifespan: I had a great many ancestors in the 1700-1800s who live to nearly-or more than-100 yrs old. I can also see that some family lines had short lifespans . . .apparently heredity plays a large part in this. Some families were also very good at raising a large number of children to adulthood, where others suffered the loss of most of their children in infancy. Clearly there are other things going on here-and I suspect that good nutrition and rudimentary sanitation had a great deal to do with it. It certainly wasn't vaccination OR antibiotics. In reading Dr Humphries book, she expounds on infant mortality based on delivery methods and attendant hygiene as part of the cause for better childbirth success. What she says here echoes an obscure sociological article written about the midwives of Northern Michigan before 1900 . . .again, something I was researching for genealogy. She also points out that the dreaded 'iron lung' used for paralysis patients 70 years ago has been replaced by the standard ventilator. Nearly all of us know someone who has needed to be on a ventilator during a hospitalization in recent years-we have never equated it with the 'iron lung'-a much more scary image!! Her numerous charts clearly show that the incidence of the original dread diseases which we are dutifully vaccinating for were already in decline-both in contagion and in strength, before vaccines against them were in use. This is usually the way communicable diseases work: a disease that kills too

many of it's victims starves itself out of existence. The usual course of such viruses and diseases is to become weaker over time and for many more people to survive them. This week, after the big scare over Ebola (which, btw, didn't become epidemic in the US because we treated it with quarantine, hygiene and supportive medical care)-is now mutating into a less fatal but likely more infective disease . . .the usual course of such dread diseases. It's spread has been facilitated by poor nutrition, non-existent sanitation and the proliferation of burial customs that keep the dearly departed around the house to continue to infect. In short, this book is well-worth reading. There are a lot of facts here that the average person does NOT know . . . including the fact that many of these vaccines can actually spread a form of the very disease being vaccinated against and that past vaccination doesn't actually protect you from it. There are some things that are likely worth the risk of vaccination-such as tetanus and your dog's rabies vaccine. Others likely may protect against childhood diseases-for a time-but the possible bad reaction can affect a child for life. Is it worth it? You decide.

If you are pregnant, READ THIS BOOK!! You need to know the difference between which health care professionals truly care about your family's health, and those who are so in bed with Big Pharma that they don't even know they have been brain-washed. I looked down my nose at anti-vaxxers with the best of them until a couple of years ago when I decided I should start to challenge those nit-wits with some facts. So I did internet research and gradually came to the conclusion that, well, maybe, some of them had a point or two. I started to say more reasonable things about people who opted not to vaccinate their kids. Then I became a grandma. I started reading even MORE intently. NO ONE has published better arguments for taking an honest look at vaccinations than Suzanne Humphries (MD) and Roman Bystryanyk. The folks who want the anti-vaxxers to look stupid HATE this book. A group of them organized to bad-mouth it. Clearly a dozen or so of them got together on Dec 30 and 31st and hammered out a series of one-star reviews.... without a doubt these are the words of people who have NOT read this book. Now I have little tolerance for the empty reasoning of the pro-vaccine folks... they offer far more propaganda than proof. There are fully a million kids in the US who have never been vaccinated and yet the CDC absolutely refuses to compare the health outcomes of those who are and those who are not vaccinated. Do you want to know why? I'm pretty certain, they'd go down in flames. RARELY does the media do a fair job of exposing how ineffective the vaccines are, and main-stream media also refuses to take an honest look at the damage they do. Robert Kennedy Jr, Jenny McCarthy, Dr. Wakefield, and Katie Curic are not crazy people, but when Big Pharma wants to defend their

territory, they will not hesitate to destroy whole careers and any publication who crosses their line (until retractions are issued). This book is a great place to start if you want to understand anti-vaxxers. I thought I knew a few things before I read it, but I learned something amazing on almost every page. I now proudly stand with the brave folks who stood up to power and ridicule with truth. I am an anti-vaxxer.

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