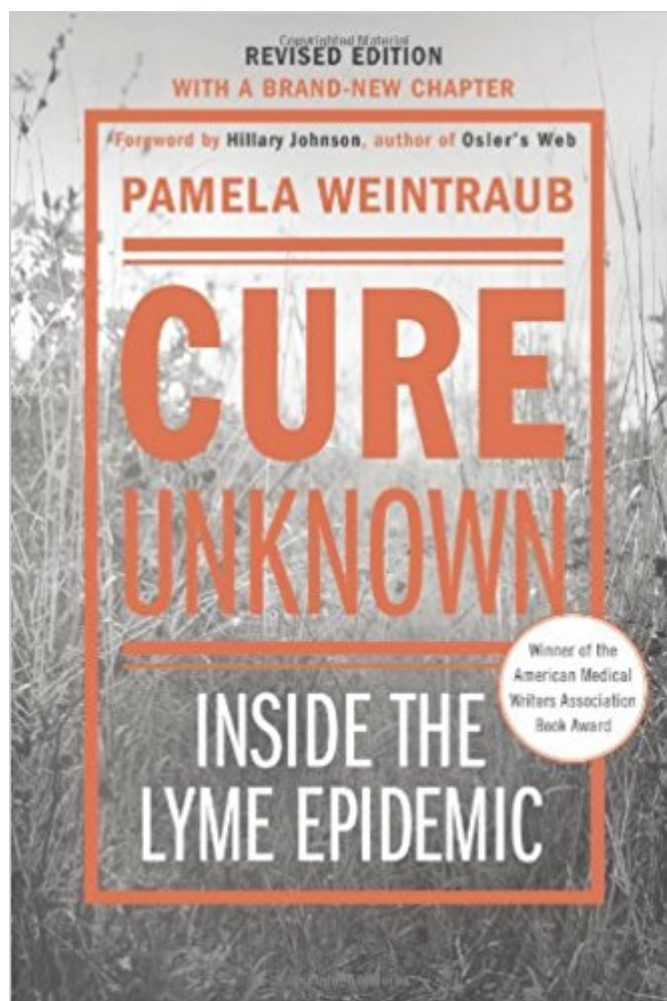


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Synopsis

The groundbreaking, award-winning investigation into Lyme disease— the science, history, medical politics, and patient experience— now with a brand new chapter. When Pamela Weintraub, a science journalist, learned that her oldest son tested positive for Lyme disease, she thought she had found an answer to the symptoms that had been plaguing her family for years— but her nightmare had just begun. Almost everything about Lyme disease turned out to be deeply controversial, from the microbe causing the infection, to the length and type of treatment and the kind of practitioner needed. On one side of the fight, the scientists who first studied Lyme describe a disease transmitted by a deer tick that is hard to catch but easy to cure no matter how advanced the case. On the other side, rebel doctors insist that Lyme and a soup of "co-infections" cause a complicated spectrum of illness often dramatically different— and far more difficult to treat— than the original researchers claim. Instead of just swollen knees and a rash, patients can experience exhaustion, disabling pain, and a "Lyme fog" that leaves them dazed and confused. As patients struggle for answers, once-treatable infections become chronic. In this nuanced picture of the intense controversy and crippling uncertainty surrounding Lyme disease, Pamela Weintraub sheds light on one of the angriest medical disputes raging today. The most comprehensive book ever written about the past, present and future of Lyme disease, *Cure Unknown* exposes the ticking clock of a raging epidemic and the vulnerability we all share.

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—Mark Hyman, MD, New York Times bestselling author of *The Blood Sugar Solution*

“In the war of information on Lyme disease, patient activist groups have started from a marked disadvantage to the medical establishment in terms of visibility and credibility. That may be changing, and... *Cure Unknown* could be one reason.”

—*Washington Post*

“In *Cure, Unknown*, Pamela Weintraub has produced both the definitive book about Lyme disease and associated disorders and a survivor’s account of a grueling medical odyssey. Weintraub is a masterful science writer and storyteller, and she tackles the quarrels and quagmires surrounding this baffling illness with intelligence and pathos.”

—Kaja Perina, editor in chief of *Psychology Today*

“A thoroughly researched and well-written account of the disease’s controversial history.”

—Jane Brody, New York Times

“I sometimes wonder if the only investigative writers who will possess the necessary temerity to remove the white gloves and tackle these putative experts to the ground will be those, like Weintraub...whose personal experience demands that they follow the rocky trail that leads to the truth.”

—Hillary Johnson, author of *Osler’s Web: Inside the Labyrinth of the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Epidemic*

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“Pamela Weintraub’s book is compelling, clear and troubling.”

—Patti Adcroft, editorial director of *Discover* magazine

“Science journalism at its best.”

—Ami Katz, M.D.

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Seriously this is one scary book! If you’ve been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, ALS, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Fibromyalgia etc you had BETTER Read this book! It’s phenomenal and the author has

done an amazing job of providing the facts about Lyme Disease.. one of the facts is it can masquerade as many other diseases... so if you've ever lived in "tick city"... picked those suckers off of you or your pets then even without the rash you could have Lyme!!! I am disgusted with the politics of this disease and the fact that even as an RN I didn't know much about it. This book will make you sick! Where is the army of warriors that we need to get the government to listen once and for all to those people who have Lyme and who aren't cured by one round of antibiotics? Seriously read this book... and if you have any of those diseases above get yourself tested... even if you have to do it on your own since I realize most doctors will ignore you. I was tested 20 years ago and told I was negative - only to have RA and MS diagnosed not too long after that... I've wasted 35 years listening to mainstream doctors tell me I couldn't have Lyme despite having a rash, despite being diagnosed with RA... seriously??? This book made me very angry... how could I have taken it all in and not woken up... I have no idea!! Read this book!!!

If you want to know about this awful infection and the incredible, irresponsible actions of the CDC and the NIH regarding Lyme and all its co-infections, get this book. You won't believe what has gone on in the background between the lofty Academics (who are basically on payroll with the CDC), scientists around the world, doctors and patients who are suffering terribly from these infections. I got bit by a tick in July of 2014 and was hit with a lot of bad symptoms almost overnight. 5 weeks after the bite (no rash) it was like a switch was thrown and within 2 days I had lost all my stamina and strength. It felt like I had a really bad flu. Then even more symptoms started. I won't go into all the problems I have had but because my mainstream doctor says I don't have Lyme I bought this book because I have something for sure! I could not put this book down. Fell asleep reading it quite a few times as I read deep into the night. I was and still am appalled with what has gone on behind our backs regarding Lyme and the possible co-infections. While I don't know 100% that I have Lyme I was lucky enough to find a doctor who has trained in recognizing that there are other bacterium the ticks carry and we are in the process of testing to see if I am infected. This is a very well written book that everyone can understand. Pamela Weintraub is an investigative scientific journalist who's own family, including herself, is badly infected with Lyme. They lived in one of the hot spots on the east coast where they all contracted Lyme. What she and her family have gone through will tear at your heart but will also hearten you because she is one hell of a fighter. I highly recommend this book for anyone interested in Lyme disease or are even fighting their own possible infection no matter which part of the world you live in.

The author is not a doctor, but a science writer, so you aren't going to find medical advice on a cure protocol, but you will find an absolutely fascinating, well researched and well written history of Lyme disease, the methods by which the bacterial causes were discovered, and how it ended up becoming as controversial as it became. As someone with Lyme disease, I found it tremendously interesting and educational.

I own copies of her first edition, and was happy to read her additional chapters and hear how her family is doing. This book tells the horrifying tale of the medical communities' battles over the definition of the disease and over how to treat it. It debunks the treatment guidelines of the Infectious Disease Society of America and explains in detail their thin underpinnings and shoddy science. Any one who lives in deer country who can read this without immediately taking steps to protect themselves from tick bites, is a lyme case waiting to happen.

This was a great book !!! Everyone ought to read this one ! it came in perfect conditon and very fast and I am thinking about ordering another one for my friend who has had lymes disease for 20 yearsit was not found in her for many many years and she is a miracle !!!

Is not nor was meant to be an instruction manual on treating/recovering from this disease. It's tremendous value is in the way it presents to the reader just how scary serious a disease it is, and needs to be taken. A face slap to the belief system in some of our trusted institutions, don't read this if you don't want to come away with a really bad feeling. I hope that this book becomes widely popular, because the information it contains should change attitudes and behaviors so that an awful lot of misery might be averted,

This book included a very in depth look at the history of Lyme disease. It included the authors thorough review of medical papers and interviews with the most important doctors and scientists involved with tick borne illnesses over the years. I am grateful for all the time and effort the author went through to document the facts and the science behind the disease. This was one stop shopping to understand the implications of this disease and why the medical world has not embraced the findings. I have recommended it to several other parents since reading the text. EXCELLENT READ.

So glad there was a 2013 revision. Unlike other books I've read, this one humanizes the struggle of

so many people. Definitely easy to relate to, and hard to put down. There's lots of information for those who have read every LD book out there, as well as those just getting started. I'd recommend it to someone as their first book as well as their 20th. Guarantee you'll learn something about this crazy illness that you didn't know before. It's amazing how she cured her own LD. I'd heard about it but couldn't figure out the reason why she's chosen that particular course of treatment. Now I know and it makes perfect sense.

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