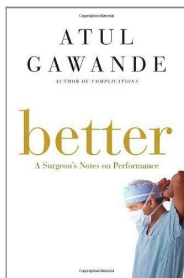


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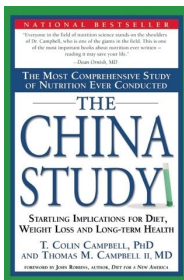
Better

Atul Gawande

2007

Medical Practice
History of Science

Gawande describes the all-too slow process of improvement in medicine. He spans various times and out-of-the-way places to paint a better picture of the doctors who try to improve our condition.



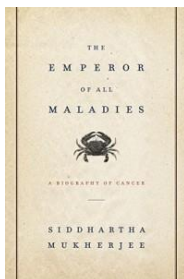
The China Study

T. Colin Campbell

2004

Diet and Health
Sociology

Campbell describes a years-long study which gathered data from millions of participants at a unique moment of Chinese history and draws strong conclusions about the impact of 'Western' diet on health.



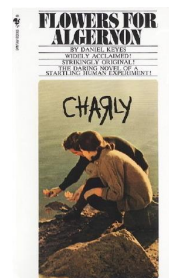
The Emperor of All Maladies

Siddhartha Mukherjee

2010

Cancer
History of Science

Mukherjee recounts humanity's eternal battle against cancer. He describes how it has been understood in the past and how we understand and treat it now.



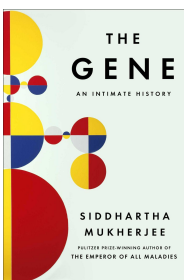
Flowers for Algernon

Daniel Keyes

1959

Novel

A touching novel describing a period in the life of a mentally disabled man who undergoes a revolutionary treatment that expands his intellectual capacities, but only for a time.



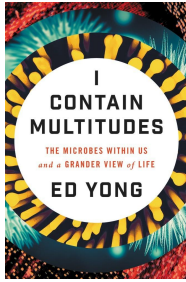
The Gene

Siddhartha Mukherjee

2016

Genetics
History of Science

Mukherjee traces our understanding of genes and genetics over the centuries to today. And he familiarizes readers with our current conceptions of the power locked into the mighty gene.



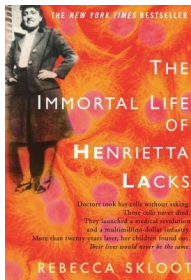
[I Contain Multitudes](#)

Ed Yong

2016

Microbiota
History of Science

Yong traces the history of our knowledge of microbes up to the present day. He describes our current understanding of their importance, and speculates about how microbes will be harnessed for good in the future



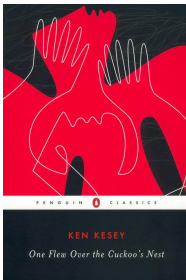
[The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks](#)

Rebecca Skloot

2010

Medical Ethics
Sociology

Skoot recounts the unethical and deplorable treatment of Henrietta Lacks' family even as her cells were used to advance science and medicine in multiple fields. Her book stands at the intersection of Sociology and Science.



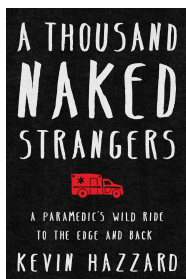
[One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest](#)

Ken Kesey

1962

Novel

A humorous novel that follows the pranks and adventures of McMurphy, a man committed to a mental ward run by a tyrannical nurse



[A Thousand Naked Strangers](#)

Kevin Hazzard

2016

Sociology
Memoir

Hazzard gives a hilarious account of his years as a paramedic in the rough sections of Atlanta. He focuses on the external poverty, drug use, and loss in his daily routine yet he comes away with a stronger understanding of himself.
