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Editorial Review

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When not one but three different extremely rare diseases kill several patients at a New York hospital, forensic pathologist Jack Stapleton suspects it's more than just coincidence. He thinks there's a connection between the appearance of the mysterious microbes responsible for the deaths and the HMO that owns the hospital--the same HMO that once destroyed his flourishing medical practice. Is Americare deliberately killing off its sickest patients--those who cost the most money to treat? Or is there an even more sinister motive behind the strange goings-on at Manhattan General, not to mention the attempts on Jack's life? And what is beautiful Terese Hagen, the hard-driving creative director of a Madison Avenue ad agency, doing in the middle of this slightly muddled, but still engrossing, tale of greed, medicine, and mayhem? Like Michael Crichton, whose *Andromeda Strain* remains the classic in the genre, Cook is sometimes heavy-handed when it comes to character development, and his fulminations about the dangers of managed care often get in the way of the plot. Still, *Contagion* will make you think twice about taking your next case of flu to the ER instead of your own bed. --Jane Adams

From Library Journal

In Cook's numerous best-selling medical thrillers, the nasty microbes and lethal diseases are never as loathsome as the greedy villains who spread illness for profit. Here, a cynical forensics doctor suspects that a for-profit medical firm is murdering its more costly subscribers. A Literary GuildR main selection. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

About the Author

Dr. Robin Cook is the author of thirty previous books, most recently *Nano*, and is credited with popularizing the medical thriller with his wildly successful first novel, *Coma*. He divides his time between Boston and Florida. His most recent bestsellers include *Death Benefit*, *Cure*, and *Intervention*.

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