BKLYN BookMatch: Viruses, Pandemics, and Germs

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Germs :
Lesa Cline-Ransome ; illustrated by James Ransome.

Everything you wanted to know about germs--good and bad.

Do Not Lick This Book
Ben-Barak, Idan/ Frost, Julian (ILT)

Take a closer look at the world through the eyes of Min the microbe. And be sure you don't lick this book!

You wouldn't want to meet Typhoid Mary! :
written by Jacqueline Morley ; illustrated by David Antram ; created and designed by David Salariya.

You may not want to meet Typhoid Mary but you can find out all about her in this book.

All in a drop : how Antony van Leeuwenhoek discovered an invisible world
Alexander, Lori, author.

Read all about Antony van Leeuwenhoek, a self-taught scientist who was the first person to observe life on the microbial level.

Bubonic panic :
Gail Jarrow.

The true story of America's first plague epidemic includes photographs and drawings, a glossary, a timeline, further resources, an author's note, and source notes.

More Deadly Than War : The Hidden History of the Spanish Flu and the First World War
Davis, Kenneth C.

More than a hundred years later, the Spanish Influenza outbreak in 1918 is known as the worst disease outbreak in modern history. This story explores the outbreak's intersection with World War I through stories, photos, firsthand reports from medical...

Very, Very, Very Dreadful : The Influenza Pandemic of 1918
Marrin, Albert

In the space of eighteen months in 1918-1919, about 500 million people--one-third of the global population at the time--came down with influenza. The book explores the outbreak from its start as an epidemic to a global pandemic.

Fever Year : The Killer Flu of 1918
Brown, Don

This graphic novel explores what made the Killer Flu of 1918 so deadly and how modern science can help us contextualize this moment in history.
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Terrible typhoid Mary :
Susan Campbell Bartoletti.
This book tells the story of Mary Mallon, more widely known as Typhoid Mary, and explores who she really was before becoming synonymous with disease.

Viral : the fight against AIDS in America
Bausum, Ann, author.
The story of the AIDS crisis as experienced by both victims and activists.

Guns, germs, and steel :
Jared Diamond.
Diamond explores the geographical and environmental factors he feels helped to shaped the modern world.

The ghost map :
Steven Johnson.

Pandemic : How Climate, the Environment, and Superbugs Increase the Risk
Goldsmith, Connie
Learn about how scientists have predicted the way diseases will evolve and effect our world in the future.

The pandemic century : one hundred years of panic, hysteria, and hubris
Honigsbaum, Mark, author.
Honigsbaum explores epidemiological mysteries and the ecology of infectious diseases.

Crisis in the red zone : the story of the deadliest Ebola outbreak in history, and of the outbreaks to come
The 2013-2014 Ebola epidemic was the deadliest ever—but the outbreaks continue as Preston explains in this medical drama.

Inside the outbreaks :
Mark Pendergrast.
Since its founding in 1951, the Epidemic Intelligence Service has waged war on every imaginable ailment. This book explores the EIS’ history and their quest to eliminate threats to world health.
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Spillover :
David Quammen.
Science reporting that tracks the animal origins of emerging human diseases.

Animal Viruses and Humans: A Narrow Divide: How Lethal Zoonotic Viruses Spill over and Threaten Us
Andiman, Warren A.
Dr. Warren Andiman introduces the mysterious world of viruses: what they look like, how they invade so efficiently, and how they take over cells’ complex machinery to wreak potentially fatal havoc.

The next pandemic :
Ali S. Khan with William Patrick.
An inside account of the fight to contain the world’s deadliest diseases—and the panic and corruption that make them worse.

The end of epidemics: the looming threat to humanity and how to stop it
Quick, Jonathan D, author.
A leading doctor offers answers on the one of the most urgent questions of our time: How do we prevent the next global pandemic?

Virusphere: From Common Colds to Ebola Epidemics - Why We Need the Viruses That Plague Us
Ryan, Frank
A fascinating and long overdue examination of viruses – from what they are and what they do, to the vital role they have played in human history.

How to survive a plague :
David France.
The definitive history of the successful battle to halt the AIDS epidemic, and the powerful, heroic stories of the gay activists who refused to die without a fight.

The hot zone /
Richard Preston.
A highly infectious, deadly virus from the central African rain forest suddenly appears in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. There is no cure. In a few days 90 percent of its victims are dead.
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