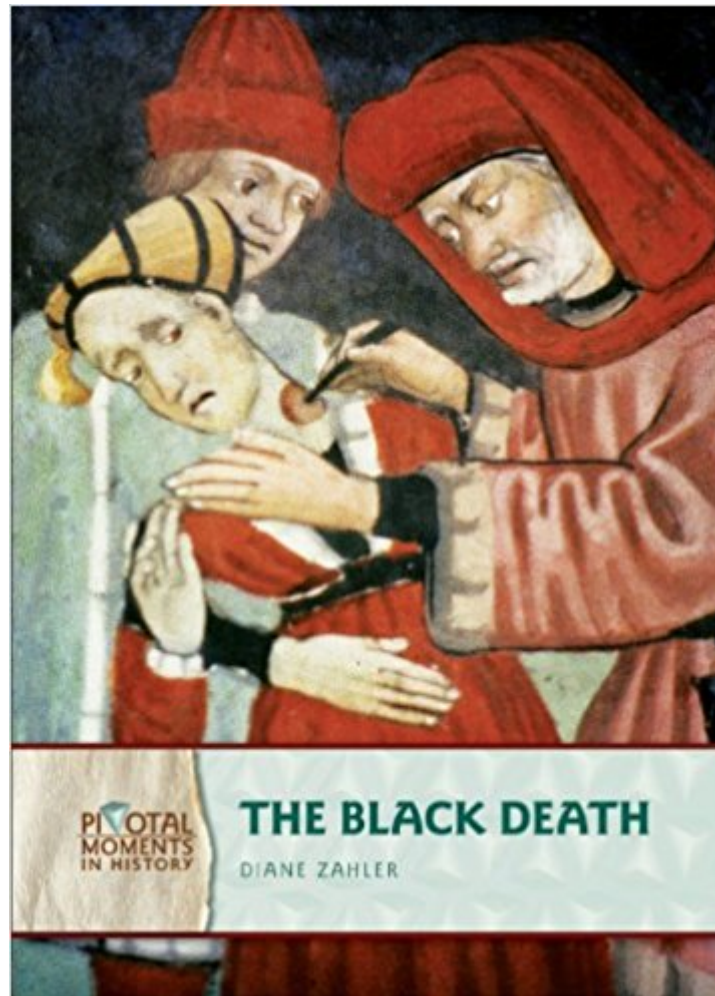


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The Black Death (Pivotal Moments In History)



Synopsis

Could a few fleas really change the world? In the early 1300s, the world was on the brink of change. New trade routes in Europe and Asia brought people in contact with different cultures and ideas, while war and rebellions threatened to disrupt the lives of millions. Most people lived in crowded cities or as serfs tied to the lands of their overlords. Conditions were filthy, as most people drank water from the same sources they used for washing and for human waste. In the cramped and rat-infested streets of medieval cities and villages, all it took were the bites of a few plague-infected fleas to start a pandemic that killed roughly half the population of Europe and Asia. The bubonic plague wiped out families, villages, even entire regions. Once the swollen, black buboes appeared on victims' bodies, there was no way to save them. People died within days. In the wake of such devastation, survivors had to reevaluate their social, scientific, and religious beliefs, laying the groundwork for our modern world. The Black Death outbreak is one of world history's pivotal moments.

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inception of new ideas about the Church, the value of labor, and the preciousness of human life that contributed to the Reformation and the Renaissance. The emphasis on primary-source research brings vitality to the text, although in at least one case historians have cast doubt on first-person accounts that Zahler presents as fact, i.e., the siege of Italian traders by Mongols who flung diseased bodies at them by catapult. Overall, this is a well-written and well-researched volume. Full-color illustrations, a note explaining the value of primary sources, a who's who, and careful source notes make this book a valuable addition to history collections.â "Rebecca Donnelly, Loma Colorado Public Library, Rio Rancho, NM Copyright Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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Impressive!

My 7 year old son started studying the plague when we heard about the remains of Richard III being dug up, along with plague victims. This was the only "kid-friendly" book on the subject. Better for my 10 year old, but the 7 year old enjoys my reading it aloud also. Maybe not so nice as a bedtime story, but it is interesting to me and to the kids, and it teaches so much about geography, the evolution of government, reasons for health regulations, etc. We also got the book " Oh Rats!" by Albert Marrin which touches on the subject.

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