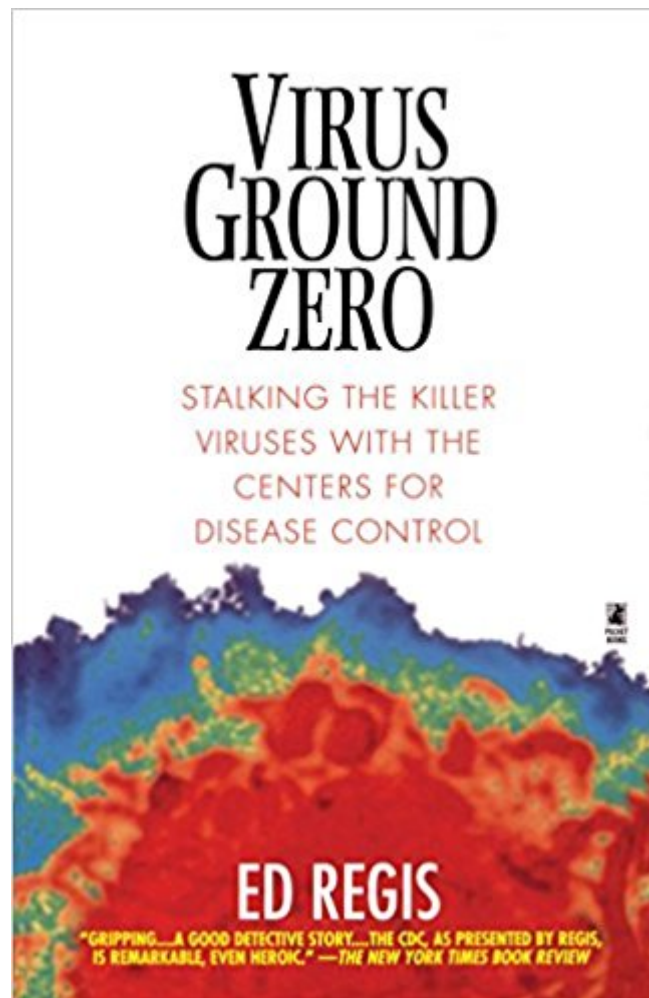




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Customer Reviews

Beginning in September, I began reading Ground Zero for an Honors English class. It took me about a month and a half to finish, due to its complicated plot and many distracting short storyTMs. I spent most of my time reading the novel in class for ten-minute increments or on a calm autumn evening. The novel is very complicated, for example, many times I would have to re-read pages in order to comprehend the situation the novel is describing. I would recommend this for mostly advanced readers, but if epidemiology and the CDC interest you, this is the book for you. Whenever I began to read Ground Zero it would almost always be after I watched the evening news, which often described the events occurring in Sierra Leone regarding the Ebola virus. The novel is centered around the Ebola virus and how the CDC stalks the virus, which made it easier to relate too. For example, even though this book didnTMt help with my fears about the virus (it often described the horrible symptoms which lead to a horrible certain death) it did educate me on how the virus spread and the necessary precautions to take to prevent infection. When I neared the end of the book, most of the Ebola propaganda began to fade, which made it much easier to really enjoy the book. Ground Zero was a proper sized novel with frightening imagery, disturbing content, and factual information regarding the 1996 Ebola outbreak in the town of Kikwit. I recall being disgusted

quite frequently while reading, for example, when the novel described the many patients foul appearanceâ™s once they contracted the virus. Reading this novel definitely changes your perspective on living in a first world country compared to a third world country where many resources are limited.

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