Evidence of Harm: Mercury in Vaccines and the Autism Epidemic: A Medical Controversy

Avoiding hyperbole while writing about a possible medical catastrophe is no easy task, but David Kirby has created a fine balance of investigative and personal detail in Evidence of Harm. Combining stories from the parents of autistic children with reports, speeches and studies from researchers, pediatricians and government officials, he creates a picture that is as terrifying as anything dreamed up by Hitchcock. The topic at hand is determining whether high levels of organic mercury present in an inexpensive preservative used in vaccinations can cause either autism or autism-like symptoms. Kirbys in a delicate position, searching for the truth between frantic parents (he focuses on the founders of political action group Safe Mind) and the self-protective pharmaceutical industry (the author thanks the nameless person who placed a pro-Eli Lilly litigation rider into the Homeland Security Act of 2002). Hes also honest enough of a reporter to admit to the temptation of deciding mercury is the culprit behind a range of disorders, even in light of some inconclusive test results. The ultimate truth isnt clear, and Kirby is direct about each of the reasons his sources have for their biased opinions. While some of the straight research reports will likely go over the head of anyone not well versed in the terminology, the book is never dull--there is a continual urgency in the material that resists pedantry. However undecided the experts, readers will likely land firmly in one angry camp or the other. Jill Lightner

My Personal Review:
Since mercury is still present Nov 2008) in some vaccines, this book is essential reading for anyone who uses vaccines for themselves or their children. With an objective eye, reporter David Kirby presents both sides of the mercury-in-vaccine controversy so you can understand each side and see their motivations, experiences and reasoning before making up your own mind. The book is a skillfully told tale of mysteries and secrets, cross-purposes and showdowns. It is a story of passion, determination and
struggle on both sides of the fence. Its an interesting, enlightening, and amazing read.

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