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Melissa Graboyes : The Experiment Must Continue: Medical Research and Ethics in East Africa, 1940-2014 (Perspectives on Global Health) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Experiment Must Continue: Medical Research and Ethics in East Africa, 1940-2014 (Perspectives on

Global Health):

A beautiful ethnographic history of medical experiments in East Africa from the colonial period to the present. Graboyes doesn't just caution us to look to the past; she also persuades us to think about the future. *Washington Post* online *The Experiment Must Continue* is a beautifully articulated ethnographic history of medical experimentation in East Africa from 1940 through 2014. In it, Melissa Graboyes combines her training in public health and in history to treat her subject with the dual sensitivities of a medical ethicist and a fine historian. She breathes life into the fascinating histories of research on human subjects, elucidating the hopes of the interventionists and the experiences of the putative beneficiaries. Historical case studies highlight failed attempts to eliminate tropical diseases, while modern examples delve into ongoing malaria and HIV/AIDS research. Collectively, these show how East Africans have perceived research differently than researchers do and that the active participation of subjects led to the creation of a hybrid ethical form. By writing an ethnography of the past and a history of the present, Graboyes casts medical experimentation in a new light, and makes the resounding case that we must readjust our dominant ideas of consent, participation, and exploitation. With global implications, this lively book is as relevant for scholars as it is for anyone invested in the place of medicine in society.

This is a remarkable contribution: scrupulously researched, innovatively organized, engagingly written, and passionately argued. To my knowledge, there is nothing published that can match the scope, temporal depth, or ethnographic finesse of this work. The manuscript is a superb example of how rigorous historical research opens up reflections on the unresolved ethical problems of contemporary global health research. Tamara Giles-Vernick, Director of Research, Institut Pasteur