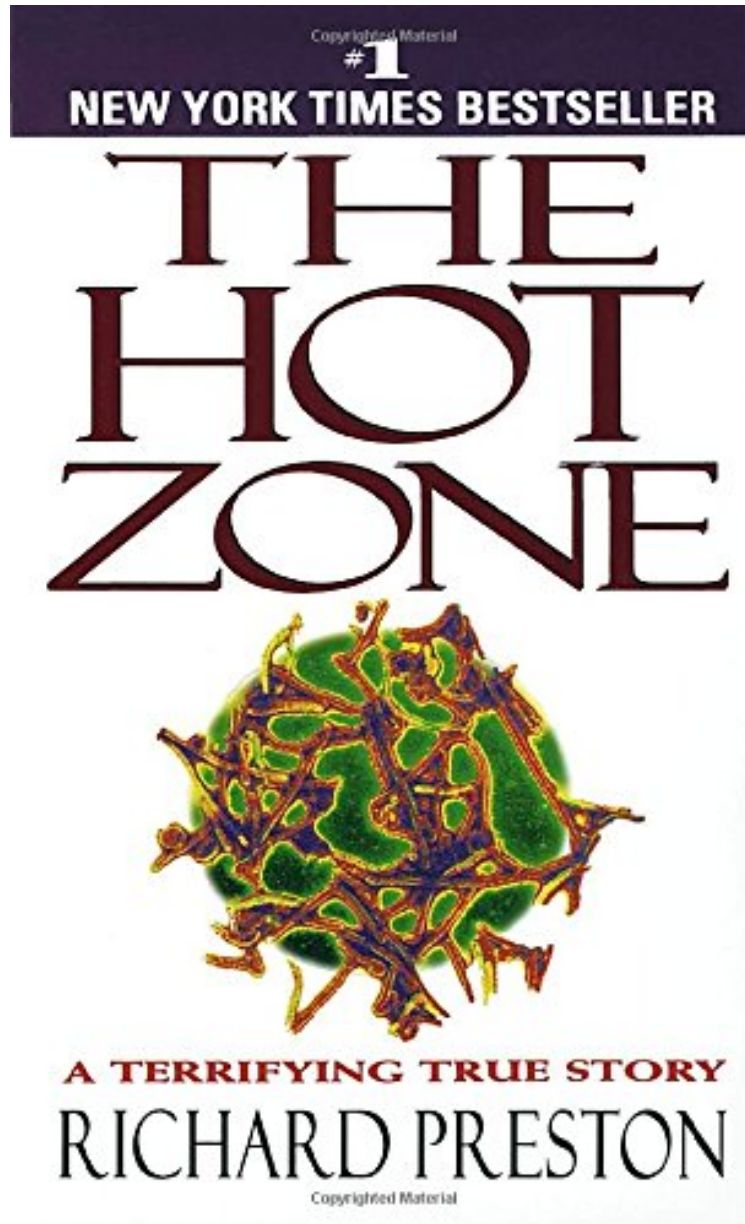


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Richard Preston : The Hot Zone: The Terrifying True Story of the Origins of the Ebola Virus before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Hot Zone: The Terrifying True Story of the Origins of the Ebola Virus:

104 of 106 people found the following review helpful. Truly terrifying
By Illya Kuryakin
I read this book when it first came out in the 1990's. I'm writing this review now because, 1- the current (July 2014) outbreak of Ebola is "the deadliest in recorded history," and 2- I've NEVER forgotten the book. I can honestly say that in a way, it scarred me for life. The book terrified me. The thing that is so terrifying is the way the poor people who contract the disease die. It is just horrible. Once you start reading, you won't be able to put it down. But be warned, it is very disturbing. I really cannot think of anything on Earth more important than preventing the spread of Ebola. Please don't disagree until you have at least read this book.
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By NuEngland
I have a red dot in the center of my forehead--right between my eyes. It is called a cherry angioma. I like to think it is a my third eye, my sixth sense manifested. I tend to have a knack for tuning into things that become immediately relevant in my life and I like to think this was the case with picking up *The Hot Zone*. I can't remember where it started; my fascination with germs and viruses. I remember being a kid and quizzing my mother on things like 'guess how many virus particles can fit on the period at the end of this sentence?' Thanks to Richard Preston, I remember. *The Hot Zone* is scarier than any Stephen King novel I ever read and any film by Wes Craven I ever laid eyes on because when I read those stories and I watch those movies I know that those things can't harm me. I do not have the satisfaction of 100% assuredness with *The Hot Zone*. The viruses covered in this book seems a hundred thousand miles away. Marburg, Lassa, Ebola, Hendra are viruses that are thought to originate on other continents, the mother of all birth places--Africa-- is the pool for which many of the deadliest viruses spring, but the modern world has made a thousand miles really close. In the words of Richard Preston, viruses do not crawl or walk, fly or swim. They ride. They could easily hitch a ride to North America in the bloodstream of some oblivious amplifier and if I were so unlucky the ride would end or rather layover in my back yard. *crosses self* The writing in the *Hot Zone* was engaging and relentless, poetic and spellbinding, horrendous and terrifying. The fear of being invaded is pervasive in the minds of most people and with Ebola and its sister virus Marburg, the virus invades but it not only invades, it consumes, liquefies, and terrorizes those it grows close to and in and on. AND it is happening now. Today. This minute. In Western Africa: Sierra Leone and Liberia in small towns and villages Africans lie dying on filthy mats, in pools of their own vomit and blood. Corpses lie under trees gathering flies because people are too afraid to get near enough to bury them and the volunteer teams whose job it is to sanitize and dispose of dead bodies are bogged down by an increasing demand for their attention and a swelling mountain of dead bodies. When I purchased *The Hot Zone* on my kindle I expected to read an account of events that happened years ago and have now settled. I was only half right. The outbreak of Ebola strain Reston in Washington U. S. of A happened years ago but is still very much active today and one of the most deadly strains of the virus Ebola Zaire which some have reported has death rate of 90% is ravaging its way through small parts of Western Africa as I type this. Because of this book I know what Ebola is, what it is capable of doing, and I have a spotty understanding of where it might have originated. I now know that zoonosis is a term for a disease that originated in a species of animal and now made the genetic leap to thrive or kill in humans. *The Hot Zone* should be flying off the shelves, real and virtual, at this very hour, because at the end of the day the best way to save ourselves from our invisible enemies is to arm ourselves with knowledge of where it hides, lives and thrives, and sometimes that starts out with a bit of intuition, a third eye, a cherry angioma.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Raw, Real, Fast, Fear... OMG, This Is Happening!
By Bill Hilly
Four-Stars for R. Preston's focused story that weaves through the past decades since Ebola first emerged from the rainforest. He carefully connects the main players as their paths cross again and again, their lives altered by this unseen, unclean thing, the filovirus (Ebola) sisters. One cannot help but to realize how at risk we humans are that a virus hidden deep in the jungles of Africa could hop-scotch around the world in a day, traveling incognito inside its naive host. Ebola is even now on the Tarmac at an African airport, waiting in silence, undetected. We skim the headlines on the internet and give it a mental shrug, Sudan, it's a long ways away but this is happening, right now! Oh, the FIFTH-STAR is for 's
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The bestselling landmark account of the first emergence of the Ebola virus. 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. A secret military SWAT team of soldiers and scientists is mobilized to stop the outbreak of this exotic "hot" virus. *The Hot Zone* tells this dramatic story, giving a hair-raising account of the appearance of rare and lethal viruses and their "crashes" into the human race. Shocking, frightening, and impossible to ignore, *The Hot Zone* proves that truth really is scarier than fiction.

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Preston's account of an outbreak of a strain of the Ebola

virus among monkeys in a Virginia laboratory has spent more than 30 weeks on PW's bestseller list. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. From School Library Journal YA? Warning? not for faint hearts or weak stomachs! In 1989, an obscure filovirus travels from the African rain forest to a lab near Washington, D.C., where the monkeys quickly sicken and die. Preston traces the history of the Warburg and Ebola filoviruses in minute, horrific detail that is as fascinating to read as it is alarming to contemplate? these filoviruses have the capability to mutate and possibly cross species. There are extraneous descriptions of scenery and of the characters' lives, but these passages serve to relieve the mounting tension and terror as the virus spreads and the CDC, the Army, and a private firm work out a containment plan to prevent a mass epidemic. YAs interested in science or fans of Stephen King or Michael Crichton will find this a fast-paced medical chiller right to the last disturbing page.? Judy Sokoll, Fairfax County Public Library, VA Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.