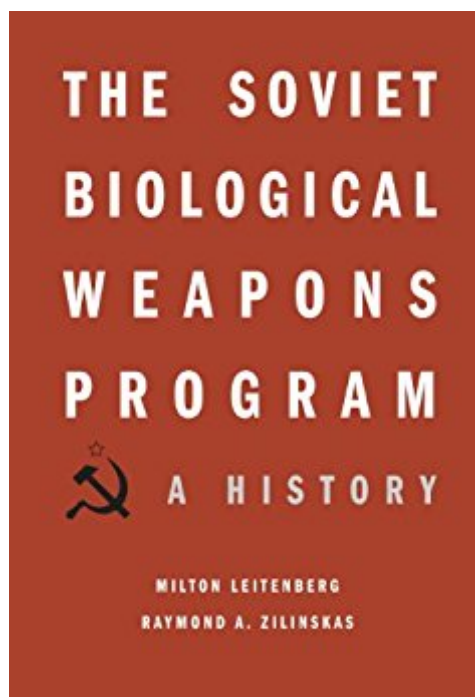


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Synopsis

This is the first attempt to understand the full scope of the USSR's offensive biological weapons research, from inception in the 1920s. Gorbachev tried to end the program, but the U.S. and U.K. never obtained clear evidence that he succeeded, raising the question whether the means for waging biological warfare could be present in Russia today.

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This is the most comprehensive book written about the Cold War development of biological weapons in the Former Soviet Union. It is amazing to think that such a large program was hidden from the world for so long. Both Leitenberg and Zilinskas are excellent writers and although the text is a daunting 1000 pages it actually reads quite easily. I recommend this book to history buffs, scientists, military personnel and anyone interested in how it came to be that our world is frightened about the spread of diseases and the threat of biological warfare.

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