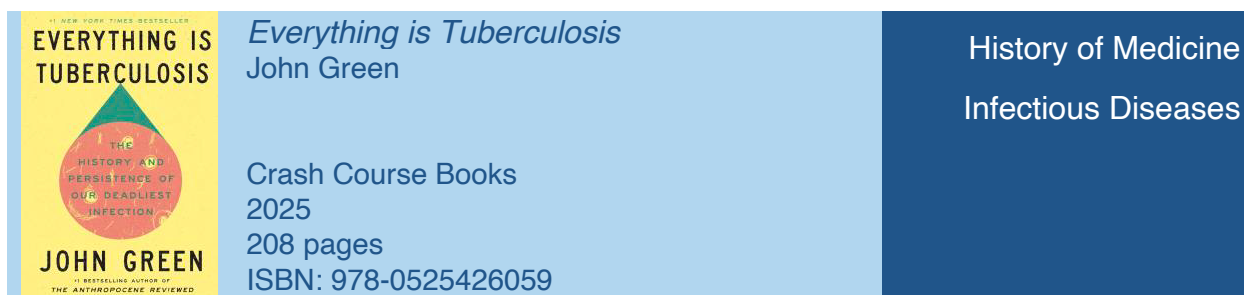


Discussion Guide



Summary

In 2019, author John Green met Henry Reider, a young tuberculosis patient at Lakka Government Hospital in Sierra Leone. In *Everything Is Tuberculosis*, John tells Henry's story, woven through with the scientific and social histories of how tuberculosis has shaped our world—and how our choices will shape the future of tuberculosis.

Questions

1. Were you surprised to learn about the present-day prevalence of tuberculosis? Or were you already familiar with how deadly it remains today?
2. What does Green argue are the reasons we choose not to fully cure tuberculosis despite the availability of effective treatments? Do you agree with his analysis?
3. How does Green use personal narratives, like that of Henry fighting tuberculosis in Sierra Leone, to further his arguments?
4. Discuss this quote from the book: "The way we symbolize disease ends up shaping the way we experience and respond to disease."
5. What impact could this book have in shifting the collective will around tuberculosis?
6. Did you find the book ultimately saddening, or hopeful?