

# The Secret Epidemic: The Story of AIDS and Black America

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"Sensitively rendered. . . . Artfully threads together the ways in which this horror came to be. . . . [An] important book."

—*The New York Times Book Review*

Half the people in the United States who are now diagnosed with HIV are African American. Through the eyes of those on the front lines of the crisis, journalist Jacob Levenson tells a story of race and public health that spans fifty years and reveals how AIDS has become one of the leading killers of young black men and women.

Medical researcher Mindy Fullilove investigates the epidemic's links to crack cocaine, the Bronx fires, and national health policy. Desiree Rushing must reconcile her crack addiction and HIV infection with the fate of her city, family, and the black church. David deShazo, a white AIDS worker in Alabama, fights to prevent the American South from becoming the epidemic's new epicenter. And Mario Cooper, a gay, infected son of the black elite confronts the boundaries of American race politics in Washington, D.C. Seamlessly interweaving personal stories with national policy, Levenson indelibly captures this devastating epidemic and illuminates its potential to expand our understanding of race in America.

"It is not easy to write a book that convincingly explains why we should care about a particular crisis. But Jacob Levenson has done exactly that. . . . [He] has not only described AIDS and its shattering effects, but helped us imagine how the epidemic felt to real people."

—*Newsday*

"Ambitious . . . couldn't come at a more important moment."

—*The Seattle Times*

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In , African-Americans made up 54% of all new AIDS cases in the THE SECRET EPIDEMIC: The Story of AIDS and Black America. After two decades of HIV/AIDS, a white Jewish New Yorker dares to ask why most infected people are black. Political correctness usually stifles such questions. The Secret Epidemic: The Story of AIDS and Black America [Jacob Levenson] on ledomedesmomes.com \*FREE\* shipping on qualifying offers. Half the people in the 'The Story of AIDS and Black America' . officials, understood what could happen if the AIDS epidemic ripped through the poor black South. In his recent book, The Secret Epidemic: The Story of AIDS and Black America, Jacob Levenson adopts an unusual style (with some debt to new journalism) to. The Secret Epidemic. The Story of AIDS and Black America. The Story of AIDS and Black America. By Jacob Levenson. AIDS isn't over, but far too many think it is. Not everyone is haunted by remembering the dying, the friends gone gaunt, the lesions appearing. Jacob Levenson discussed his new book on HIV/AIDS among black Americans. The Secret Epidemic: The Story of AIDS and Black America (Pantheon, ). The secret epidemic: the story of AIDS and Black America (Book). Book Cover. Average Rating. Author: Levenson, Jacob. Status: On Shelf. Wendell Community . The Secret Epidemic has 44 ratings and 5 reviews. Suzy said: the author is a white guy and he keeps referring to racism as a problem of the past. that is. 'The Secret Epidemic: AIDS and Black America' Related NPR Stories. More Books on NPR. Facebook; Twitter; Flipboard; Email. Half the people in the United States who are diagnosed with HIV are now African American. Through the eyes of those on the front lines of the crisis, journalist. An investigation and social history of the AIDS epidemic among African Americans traces how the disease moved into and became pervasive throughout the. The Secret Epidemic: The Story of AIDS and Black America Medical researcher Mindy Fullilove investigates the epidemic's links to crack cocaine, the Bronx. APA (6th ed.) Levenson, J. (). The secret epidemic: The story of AIDS and Black America. New York: Pantheon Books. In The Secret Epidemic, Levenson interweaves personal stories, national the devastation perpetrated on black America by the AIDS epidemic. This post discusses Jacob Levenson's book, The Secret Epidemic: The Story of AIDS and Black America.

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