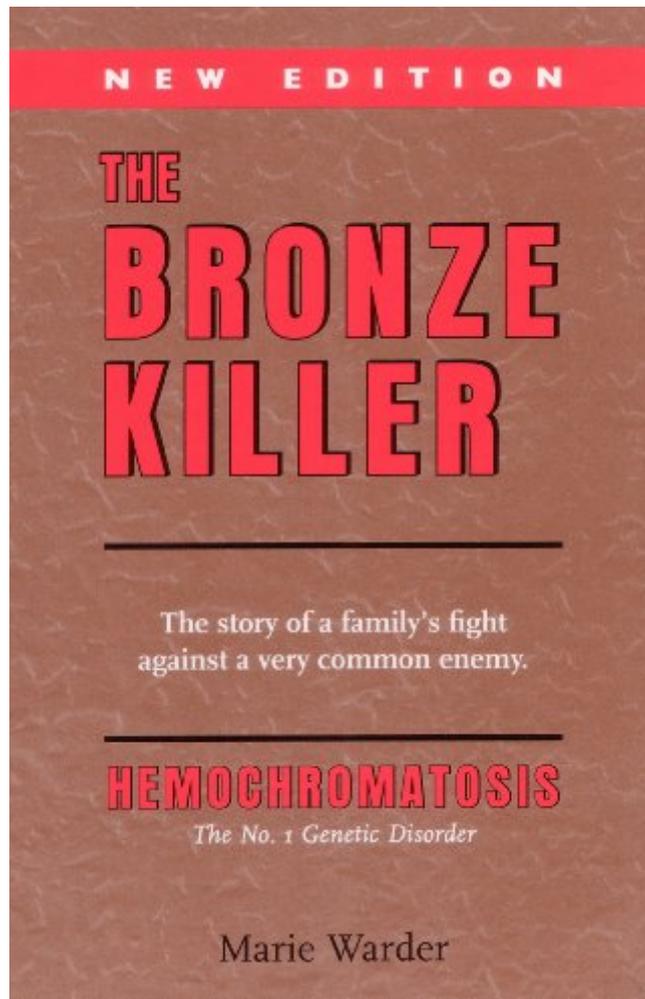


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The Bronze Killer - With Extensive References. (Hemochromatosis)



Synopsis

Described as "The Book That Gave A Disease A New Name," "The Bronze Killer" was once the book that no publisher wanted. However, knowing what she knew about this potentially fatal genetic disorder - - how seldom it was correctly diagnosed and how common it was -- the author ended up by self-publishing it at her own expense. Today it is described as the 'definitive' book on the subject and, as comments attached to the paperback copy will show, it is recommended by hospitals, physicians and clinics around the world. It remains a valuable resource after many, many years and has earned her a Canadian Medal of Honour and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Bio-Iron Society. As she learned more about this cruel inherited disorder caused by the absorption of too much iron, she soon realized that the book had to be updated, which is why there are two editions -- the original which is now regarded as a collector's item -- and this, the "new" edition. She is quoted in Maclean's magazine as saying that "If more people know about it, more people will live." After all these years, hemochromatosis is still frequently misdiagnosed as symptoms may resemble those of chronic hepatitis, gall bladder and thyroid problems, rheumatoid arthritis, polycythemia, gout and iron deficiency. As some sufferers exhibit pronounced mood swings and other personality changes such as the depression, anger, confusion or diminished memory, they can be incorrectly treated for mental illness. In some cases Alzheimer's has been suspected. As a Kindle the information will be more easily accessible to victims.

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This book is about the killer disease Hemochromatosis (HH) and should be compulsory reading, not only for medical practitioners, but also for sufferers, their immediate relatives, their carers, those interested in hereditary disorders and last but certainly not least by those relatives of sufferers who, for whatever reason, have chosen not to be tested. It is this final group who may owe most to this book - their own lives! To the reader, it becomes so clear that this hereditary disorder and the deadly diseases it can spawn thrive on a camouflage of ignorance. Reading the book set me thinking that every year millions are being spent by the Medical Authorities in the treatment of diseases. Many of these diseases are actually the end result of hemochromatosis which renders the human body incapable of ridding itself of excess iron ("The Bronze Killer") and thus leads to the onset of so many potentially fatal illnesses. It follows that investment in screening for HH should literally save the Medical Authorities substantial sums, not to mention saving the patients and their relatives from so much suffering! The preface to the book contains the following citations: "Thousands of families around the world have already found this book to be a valuable resource. More than just the personal account of a family who have suffered through the ravages of this terrible disease, it has been a source of information, encouragement and enlightenment to many." "Through Marie's research and most noted book "The Bronze Killer", she has educated doctors and the general public about the disease. As a result, hemochromatosis is now recognised as Canada's most common genetic disorder, and routine blood tests for the disease may soon become standard diagnostic procedure.

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