

# The Epidemic. Suzanne Young. 2016. Simon and Schuster, 2016. 9781481444699. 384 pages

Epidemics. The study of epidemic disease has always been a topic where biological issues mix with social ones. When we talk about epidemic disease, we will be thinking of contagious diseases caused by biological pathogens — things like influenza, measles, and sexually transmitted diseases, which spread from person to person. Epidemics can pass explosively through a population, or they can persist over long time periods at low levels; they can experience sudden surges or even wave-like cycles. *The Epidemic*. By Suzanne Young. Can one girl help others find closure by slipping into the identities of their loved ones? Find out in this riveting sequel to *The Remedy* and companion to the New York Times bestselling *The Treatment and The Program*. The former closer will start to see that she is the first step in fighting an epidemic. But Quinlan doesn't want to be a cure. And with all the lies surrounding her, she realizes she has no one left to rely on but herself—even if she doesn't know who that is anymore. —*The Epidemic*€. Dino Buzzati, Trans. by Judith Landry. April 3, 2018. The walls were lined with tall shelves filled with books and records: dictionaries, encyclopedias, atlases, directories, sets of newspapers and periodicals, the basis for all sorts of reference and research. The whole great office had been organized for the war, and functioned at a slower pace nowadays; but the staff of the department was still complete. The men who worked there were the best in the country at their particular work concerned. As this excellent book shows, the international health community was woefully unprepared to address the epidemic. . . Much of the action in Wilson's book takes place in the United States, where the Obama administration led the effort to better understand and contain the epidemic. Wilson's *Epidemic* has the narrative pace of a thriller, with the incisive questions that everyone should be asking in the wake of the Ebola epidemic: What does it mean to be prepared? Who is responsible?