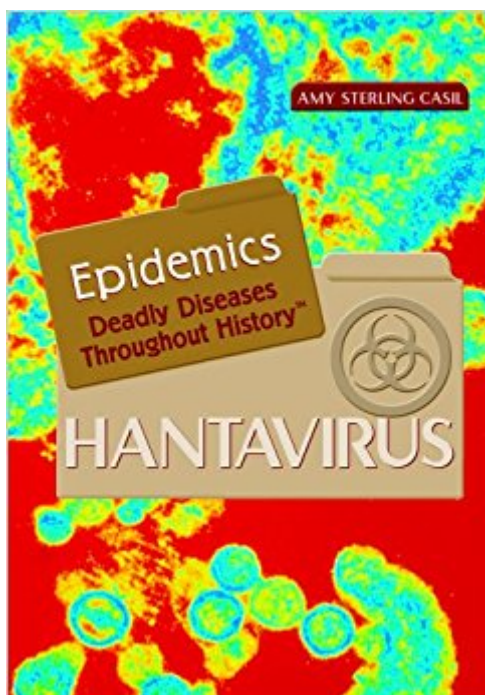


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not riveting. A few interesting asides, like how Balto the sled dog delivered the diphtheria antitoxin to Nome in 1925, and how the Chinese government tried in 2003 to keep the outbreak of SARS a secret, help a little to make the seriousness of the diseases more real. The illustrations are pretty much decorative, with a few slides of bacteria and maps of where outbreaks occurred. All three books would be helpful to students needing basic information about epidemics and the current research to stop them.

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