



Typhoid

The past, present, and future of an ancient disease

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- An exploration of the past, present and future of typhoid control using both literary and real-life figures
- Draws from the award-winning *Typhoidland* exhibition, dispelling the myth of typhoid as an eradicated disease
- More relevant than ever in a post-COVID world

A killer of paupers, princes and presidents, typhoid was an invisible threat in Victorian times and remains dangerous in many areas today. In this exploration of the past, present and future of typhoid control, Drs Claas Kirchhelle and Samantha Vanderslott use the stories of both literary characters and real-life figures to trace typhoid's transformation from a mysterious scourge into a controllable microbial threat. Drawing on their award-winning *Typhoidland* exhibition, the authors dispel the myth of typhoid as an eradicated disease and show how cutting-edge vaccines and collective international action offer new hope amidst surging drug resistance, a subject that has gained new relevance in a post-COVID world.

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