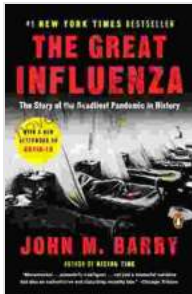


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The Black Death, also known as the Black Plague, was the most devastating pandemic in human history, resulting in the death of an estimated 75-200 million people in Eurasia and peaking in Europe in the mid-14th century.

The plague was caused by the bacterium *Yersinia pestis*, typically transmitted to humans by fleas that had bitten infected rodents. The plague primarily affected urban areas, where unsanitary conditions and overcrowding facilitated its spread.

The Black Death in Europe

The Black Death first entered Europe through the port city of Messina, Sicily, in October 1347. It quickly spread throughout Italy and France,

reaching England by 1349. The plague then ravaged the rest of Europe, reaching its peak in 1351-1352.

The Black Death had a devastating impact on European society. It is estimated that up to 50% of the population of Europe died during the pandemic. The plague killed people of all ages and social classes, but it was particularly deadly for the poor and the elderly.

The Black Death had a profound impact on European history. It led to a decline in population, which in turn led to a shortage of labor and a rise in wages. The Black Death also led to a decline in feudalism and the rise of the merchant class.

The Black Death in Asia

The Black Death also had a significant impact on Asia. It is estimated that up to 100 million people died in China during the pandemic. The plague also killed millions of people in India, Persia, and the Middle East.

The Black Death had a devastating impact on Asian society. It led to a decline in population, which in turn led to a shortage of labor and a rise in wages. The Black Death also led to a decline in trade and a disruption of the Silk Road.

The End of the Black Death

The Black Death finally began to subside in Europe in the 1350s. The reasons for this are not fully understood, but it is thought that the plague may have run out of susceptible hosts or that the population may have developed some immunity to the disease.

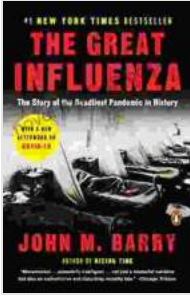
The Black Death had a lasting impact on human history. It is estimated that the population of Europe was reduced by at least one-third, and the population of Asia was reduced by at least one-tenth. The Black Death also led to significant social and economic changes, and it is still studied by historians today.

The Black Death was a devastating pandemic that had a profound impact on human history. It is a reminder of the fragility of human life and the importance of public health measures.



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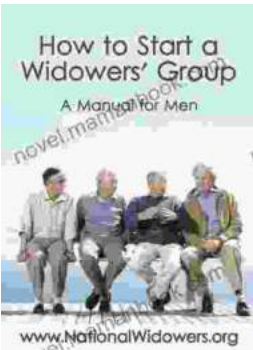
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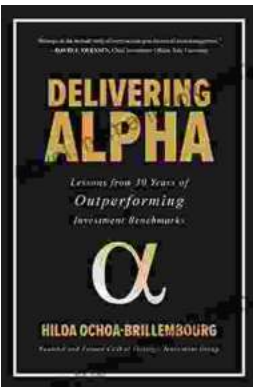
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