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In this extraordinarily well researched and elegantly written book, Karl Heinz Roth showcases how deeply the global pandemic has affected our societies and people's everyday lives. A fundamental work that helps us to critically account for the crisis and avoid the likes in the future.

For two years, the world has now been dominated by the pandemic caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. It has taken hold on all continents and in every region. It spread in multiple waves and formed ever new epicentres. It pierced through people's everyday lives, changed social dynamics, dominated the media, challenged the political establishment, and put numerous scientific disciplines to the test. The physician and historian Karl Heinz Roth describes the events from a global perspective and goes back to the 2000s to explain their background. He analyses the spread and the dynamic of Covid-19 and discusses the pandemic's characteristics and its effects on humans. He addresses countermeasures and the failures that have come to light in the context as well as the mental, political, social, and economic consequences of the lockdowns.



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