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These individuals recount their personal experiences, challenges, and “interactions” with the disease in ways that complement and contrast with each other. Thus, not only does the book contain extraordinary stories involving the very best of biomedical research and clinical advances, but it also embodies very human tales of resilience, optimism and courage.