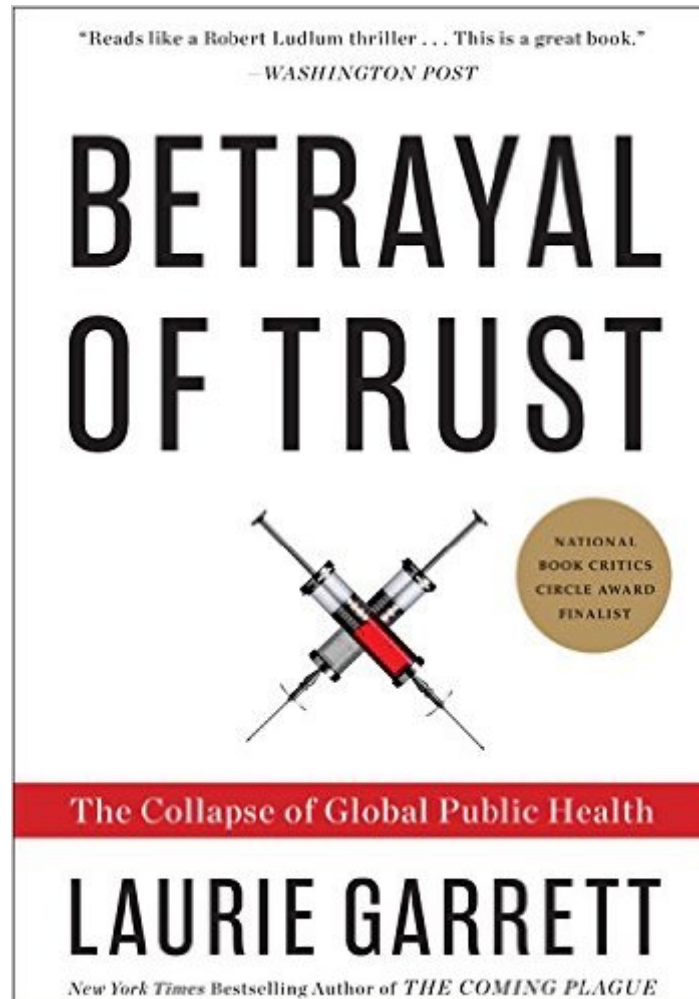


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Here are a few cautions about the book: The book is 550 pages with 230 pages of footnotes. I note this because sometimes, including this time, I order a book without looking at how many pages it is. This one was a surprise for me when I opened the box from . The print is very small. I had to go out and buy magnifying glasses. It was either that or use arm extensions. I am very old though. The footnotes are even smaller, and the numbers of the footnotes are impossibly small. You don't have to read all of the footnotes. Some of them are just *ibid*'s and *idem*'s. But there is more interesting detail in some of them. By quoting similar statistics about the same issue in the same paragraph, she seems to contradict herself until you figure it out and can move on, slowing down your pace. Note

the "old" reference above...it may simply be me. Other than that I found the book very interesting. As I talked about it with others, many asked to "borrow" it after I completed it. I find this a little bothersome sometimes, don't you? You get the book back about half the time. The chapters on Russia and America were the most interesting. The ones on Kitwik and India were the least. By far, the Russian chapter was the scariest. Had I read this book before going there last year I might not have gone. DON'T DRINK THE WATER, including ice cubes (giardia). I never drink water when I'm in another country. I find it safest to stick with beer, and bottled water to brush my teeth. Anyway, this was her best chapter by far (it's very long) giving a more human element than any other chapter and far more interesting detail about everyday life for some. It was the chapter that made me want to send money to someone, especially that woman and her ill son.

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