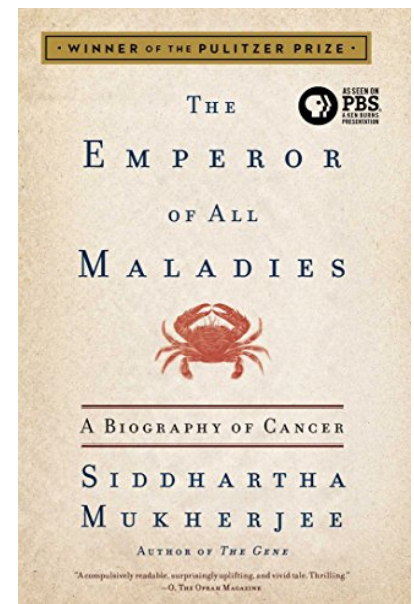


# The Emperor Of All Maladies Book Summary (PDF) by Siddhartha Mukherjee

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## Why This Book Matters:

The Emperor of All Maladies discusses cancer and its biological components as well as the methods used to give our body a chance to fight for its life.

## The Big Takeaways:

- 1. Cancer cells grow exponentially to form tumors made up of our own cells.**
  1. If While own bodies can cause cancer, there are always external causes of the lethal disease.
- 2. Some chemicals that cause cancer also stop our immune systems from fighting it.**
  1. Typically, our immune systems are prepared to get rid of mutating cells, but certain toxins can prevent that from happening.

3. **Several things influence the risk of cancer, including radiation, hormones, and biology.**
  1. Some things that cause cancer can also be used to fight it, such as radiation.
4. **Radiation is the next best option after surgery and chemotherapy.**
  1. Radiotherapy is critical for treating tumors but is often used in combination with other treatments such as surgery.
5. **Lasker and Farber helped pave the way for our understanding of cancer.**
  1. Their research was more focused on drugs that could help treat the disease instead of researching the underlying factors of cancer.

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