

APPENDICES

Synopsis of Outbreak

The story begins in 1976 in Zaire, Africa. It appears that there is a deadly unknown disease spreading in this place. The symptoms are violent headache, chills, fever, nausea, and diarrhea. It is thought that the disease is transmitted to people from monkeys. The disease has killed a lot of victims. Dr. Lugasa of District Health Commissioner for the Bumba region tries to find out the cause of this serious disease. However, he fails to diagnose the disease and he cannot find the treatment for it. He cannot stop the outbreak of the disease. Three hundred and eighteen people have fallen victim to this deadly disease.

In 1987 in California, a doctor named Dr. Richter gets sick after being bitten by a monkey. At first, the symptoms are like influenza, but then they are getting worse. He has got a headache, migraine, fever, violent stomach cramps, diarrhea and he vomits blood. Later, he goes to hospital to be treated by the doctors. However, all the doctors in the hospital cannot figure out what is wrong with Dr. Richter. Soon, six other people with the same symptoms as Dr. Richter's are admitted to hospital. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta asks Dr. Marissa Blumenthal to investigate the incident. With the samples of the patients' blood she gets, the CDC finally can identify and confirm the disease as Ebola.

A few weeks later, the disease spreads fast until it reaches Phoenix and Philadelphia. In a short time, the Ebola virus infects many people across the country. Dr. Marissa and her colleague, Tad, work together and try to discover and examine all the facts about the spread of the disease in the U.S.. Later, she finds out that the Ebola virus does not come from animals, but there is a conspiracy to intentionally spread the deadly disease. While doing her investigation to find out who is behind the conspiracy, some mysterious people start to follow and terrorize her.

Later, Marissa finds out that Physician' Action Congress (PAC) is the organization that intentionally spreads the Ebola virus. She also discovers that most of the PAC members are doctors. Then Marissa tries to inform the public about this fact. Since then, Marissa cannot live in peace as some people try to kill her. To protect herself from those people, Marissa moves to Ralph's house. Ralph is the man she has been dating. He is actually one of the PAC members and he tries to catch her, too. Luckily, she manages to escape. In the end, Marissa can disclose PAC and its conspiracy to spread the Ebola virus to the public. All the PAC members are arrested for Ebola conspiracy.

Biography of Robin Cook

Robin Cook was born on 4th May 1940 in Brooklyn, New York, USA. He is a doctor and an author. All his novels are thriller genre and deal with medical issues. Cook wants to give some knowledge to the readers about the medical facts which they do not know.

Some of his prominent novels are Outbreak (1987), Mindbend (1988), Mutation (1989), Harmful Intent (1990), Vital Sign (1991), Blindsight (1992), Terminal (1993),

Fatal Cure (1994), Acceptable Risk (1995), Contagion (1996), Chromosome 6 (1997), and Toxin (1998). Outbreak is a bestseller thriller novel written by Robin Cook.

Robin Cook graduated from Columbia University Medical School and he finished his postgraduate medical training at Harvard. He is married twice and has two children. Now he is living with his second wife in Boston and Florida.