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.com The hemorrhagic viral diseases, such as Ebola, are among the most elusive and gruesome diseases known to man. Joseph B. McCormick and Susan Fisher-Hoch, a husband-and-wife team formerly of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, have spent their lives tracking these pathogens, traversing the globe in heroic efforts to confine them and prevent epidemic. In *Level 4*, McCormick and Fisher-Hoch recount their most gripping and rewarding experiences, and give insight into the stubborn bravery and driving curiosity that compels them to continually put their own lives at risk for the welfare of humanity. From *Library Journal* Fans of Richard Preston's *The Hot Zone* (LJ 8/94) and Laurie Garrett's *The Coming Plague* (LJ 9/15/94) should be eager to read these reminiscences by two researchers from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). McCormick (who is mentioned extensively in both books) and Fisher-Hoch worked together for many years investigating such exotic diseases as Lassa Fever and Ebola in Third World countries as well as at the CDC. They married in 1992 and now train epidemiologists in Karachi, Pakistan. Unfortunately, the book's tone is uneven. The aim seems to be to provide interesting stories rather than either a coherent history of a disease or a detailed biography of the physicians. Garrett's book offers more information on the history and threat of emerging diseases, while Preston's is better written. Nevertheless, this is fascinating reading, making clear the authors' dedication and almost obsessive determination to find the source, nature, and possible cures for these frightening diseases. For all collections. -?Marit MacArthur, Auraria Lib., Denver Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. From *Booklist* Given the popular success of Preston's *Hot Zone* (1994) and Garrett's *Coming Plague* (1994), it's no surprise that publisher Turner plans heavy promotion for this "true science" tale of the battle to understand and forestall and/or treat tiny, terrifying pathogens: a tale written by two scientists at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), helped by medical-thriller writer Leslie Horvitz. McCormick spent more than 15 years at CDC, headed its Special Pathogens Branch, and created its Atlanta Level 4 "hot zone." British-born and -trained Susan Fisher-Hoch did key research on Legionnaires' disease before joining CDC as a top hemorrhagic fever investigator. (Married in 1992, the two scientists now hold epidemiology and virology positions, respectively, at Aga Khan Medical School in Pakistan.) *Level 4* traces their careers, apart and then together, as they study a broad spectrum of illnesses around the world. Their experiences with (and opinions about) Ebola, Lassa fever, HIV/AIDS, and hepatitis will attract attention, particularly to the several areas where they don't agree with the current U.S. (or CDC) consensus. Closer to Garrett than Preston; alarming but not alarmist. Mary Carroll