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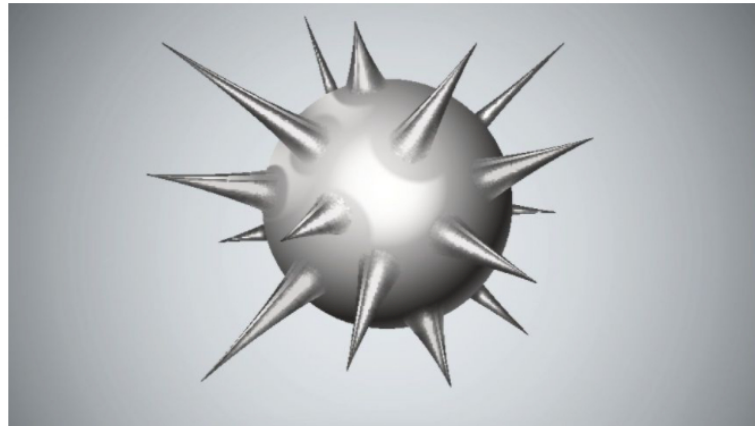
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Spike by Jeremy Farrar

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With the publication of *Spike* in the summer, a very much larger audience is to benefit from the in depth knowledge of infectious diseases, sanguine style, and personable insight familiar to staff in the videos and posts of our director Jeremy Farrar that helped many of us through lockdown.

Inside track

Co-authored with Financial Times journalist Anjana Ahuja, *Spike* charts the development of the epidemic and how the scientific community pulled together to respond with extraordinary options for treatment and vaccines.

Jeremy was one of the first to understand the significance of a mysterious virus that would change all our lives and the book looks at the trajectory of Covid-19, the rapid development of vaccines and, “How the world ultimately fares not just against Covid, but against all the great global challenges of our time,” explains Jeremy.

Unique position

The book examines Jeremy's unique position in the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) and broad research expertise to shine a light on how scientists and politicians arrived at complex decisions in an environment of great uncertainty, within the context of the last 20 years.

Jeremy says: “I hope this book not only plays a part in a record of the Covid response, but also in making sure we learn lessons to ensure scientific advance saves and protects lives in as far-reaching and fair way as possible.”

We will keep you posted on the publication date in the summer. Jeremy's proceeds from the book will be donated to Wellcome's charity for 2021 – the Cowrie Scholarship Foundation.

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Really looking forward to reading this. Also, love that "all proceeds from the book will be donated to Wellcome's charity for 2021 – the Cowrie Scholarship Foundation" - wonderful ✨

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I better make sure we have a copy in the library asap!!!

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Sophie Demellweek Senior CEDI Practice Officer

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Amazing! Can't wait to read it and such a great cause for the proceeds to go to 😊

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