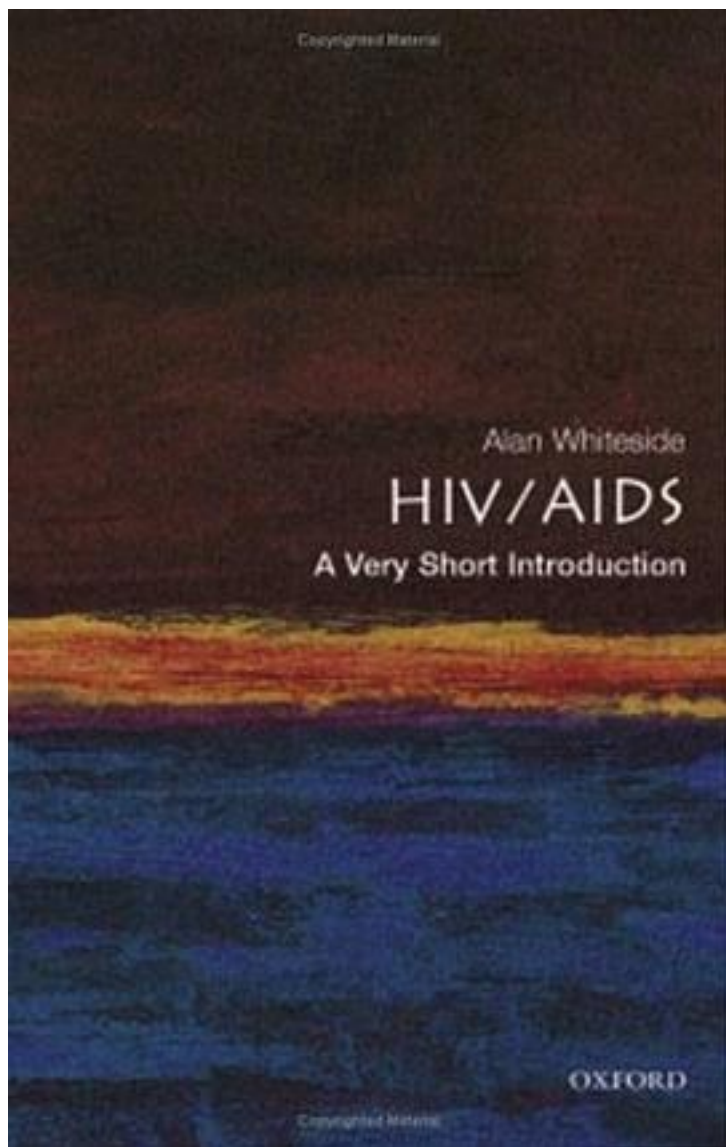


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HIV/AIDS is without doubt the worst epidemic to hit humankind since the Black Death. The first case was identified in 1981; by 2004 it was estimated that about 40 million people were living with the disease, and about 20 million had died. Despite rapid scientific advances there is still no cure and the drugs are expensive and toxic. Because of controversies and taboos surrounding safe drug usage and prostitution, the numbers of people infected continues to rise. However, it is in the developing world and especially parts of Africa that the real catastrophe is unfolding. In some of the worst affected countries life expectancy has plummeted to below 35 years, which has led to a serious decline in economic growth, a sharp rise in orphaning, and the imminent collapse of health care systems. The news is not all bleak though. There have been unprecedented breakthroughs in understanding diseases and developing drugs. Because the disease is so closely linked to sexual activity and drug use, the need to understand and change behaviour has caused us to reassess what it means to be human and how we should operate in the globalising world. This Very Short Introduction provides an introduction to the disease, tackling the science, the international and local politics, the fascinating demographics, and the devastating consequences of the disease, and explores how we have -- and must -- respond.

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作为简洁，或者应该深刻富有启发性，或者应该信息量大。这本书以公卫的角度看AIDS，全文把一些直白的大道理车轱辘地翻来覆去讲，实在难以引人入胜。

读过这么多vsi里面观感最差的一本！既不“通”又不“专”，一个很简单的意思一句话说完的事非要来回扯“模型”“模式”“可行性”这些半吊子魔术名词，信息量少的可怜，直白的大道理翻来覆去真是像嚼蜡一样。。看来vsi也有水货啊，汗

今天刚好读这本也是应景。另外HIV如此研究侧重非洲也是有道理的，毕竟HIV在非洲是真正可以影响人口学、经济学等方方面面领域的重要因素。但放到欧美或者亚洲多多少少会变得边缘化。

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