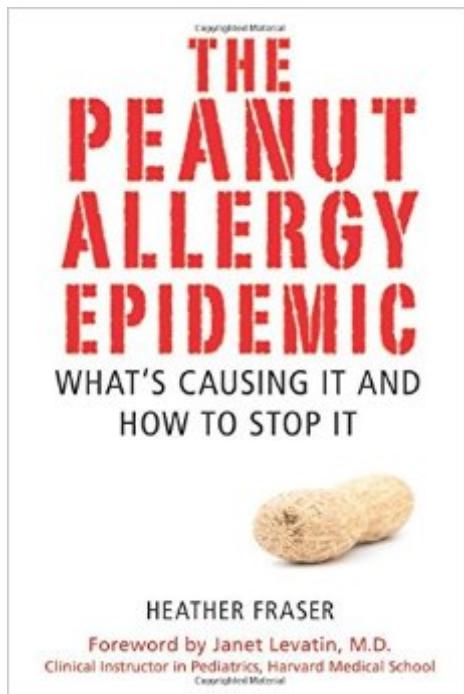


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The Peanut Allergy Epidemic: What's Causing It And How To Stop It



Synopsis

Why is the peanut allergy an epidemic that only seems to be found in Western cultures? Over four million people in the United States alone are affected by peanut allergies, while there are no reported cases in India, a country where peanuts are the primary ingredient in many baby food products. Where did this allergy come from, and does medicine play any kind of role in the phenomenon? After her own child had an anaphylactic reaction to peanut butter, historian Heather Fraser decided to discover the answers to these questions. In *The Peanut Allergy Epidemic*, Fraser delves into the history of this allergy, trying to understand why it largely develops in children and studying its relationship with social, medical, political, and economic factors. In an international overview of the subject, she compares the epidemic in the United States to sixteen other geographical locations, finding that in addition to the United States, in countries such as Canada, the UK, Australia, and Sweden there is a one in fifty chance that a child, especially a male, will develop a peanut allergy. Fraser also highlights alternative medicines and explores issues of vaccine safety and other food allergies, making his book a must-read for every parent, teacher, and health professional.

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for Western countries â “ why is that? She indicates that there was a sudden rise in the U.K., U.S., Canada and Australia around 1990, and it worsened through the 2000â s â “ why is that? The odds of a Western child developing a peanut allergy were 1 in 75 as of 2008 â “ why is that? She also writes that the person most likely to develop a peanut allergy is a male born after about 1990 in said Western countries whose â œability to detoxify had been challenged by environmental factorsâ • â “ why is that? She finds it difficult to accept, as do I, that â œhundreds of thousands of children had become allergic to this one food in the space of just twenty years by ingestion alone.â • You canâ ™t blame it on genetics, as the overall rate would stay the same. Logically, there would have to be something in the environment (food, toxins, etc.) thatâ ™s triggering this rise.

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CONDITIONS*****For those of you who donâ ™t know me, I am a Certified Holistic Health Counselor and Board Member of Epidemic Answers, a non-profit that provides information to parents of children with autism, ADHD, allergies, asthma and any other chronic neurological, behavioral, digestive and/or autoimmune conditions (the etiology is the same).

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