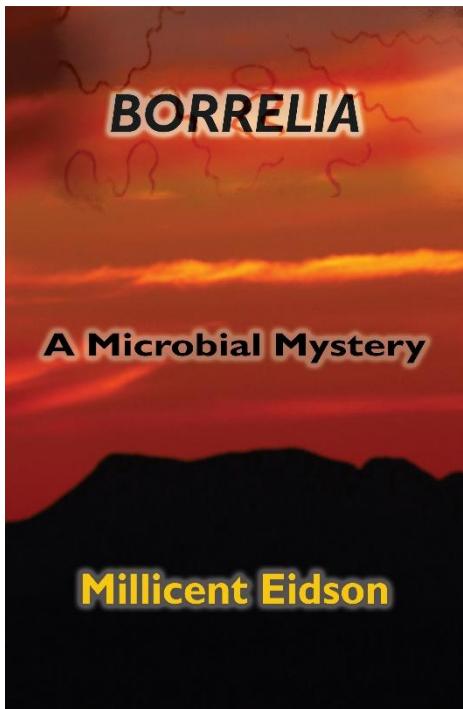


## ***BORRELIA: A Microbial Mystery (MayaVerse Book 2, Copyright © 2022)***



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"This is a fascinating insider's look at the increasingly menacing diseases arising from animal microbes worldwide."—Reviewer, *Borrelia: A Microbial Mystery*

CDC veterinary trainee Maya Maguire has had no time to recover from anthrax and its fallout on those closest to her. Squiggly spirochete bacteria transmitted by blood-sucking lice and ticks challenge her confidence while she manages an arrogant trainee. Immigrant-associated *Borrelia* in Europe during a heatwave is a chance to escape the overwhelming demands, and one more opportunity to succeed.

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### **Dr. Millicent Eidson: Unraveling Mysteries, One Microbe at a Time**

Dr. Millicent Eidson, a master of intrigue and suspense, weaves her literary magic through the pages of the Maya Maguire microbial mystery series. With a keen eye for detail and a passion for scientific puzzles, she invites readers into a world where microbes hold secrets more treacherous than any criminal. Millicent's career as a public health veterinarian and epidemiologist began at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. After days filled with pathogens and outbreaks, the nights belonged to whispered tales of microbes dancing in her imagination. Upon retirement, her passion for storytelling blossomed into the MayaVerse.

## **Book Club Discussion Questions**

Schedule with the author at [mayaverse@drmayamaguire.com](mailto:mayaverse@drmayamaguire.com)

**"BORRELIA: A Microbial Mystery"** crosses genres, with multiple themes in the framework of a zoonotic disease. These questions may help in thinking about and discussing the novel.

1. The genre elements include mystery, women's fiction, and romantic suspense. How do each of these elements contribute to the overall arc and your enjoyment of the story?
2. The main character is a young Chinese American woman adopted as an infant by an Irish-heritage family living in the Southwest. What elements of the character's background enrich the story?
3. What are some biological, regional, cultural, and religious influences on our perceptions of 'the other'?
4. How does the 'me too' theme impact the story? How do you define sexual harassment? What do you think of the decisions the characters take in response to it?
5. The Southwest is intended as a character in itself. How does geography and history influence the story?
6. Maya's perceptions are enlarged by her work in other countries. In what ways do you think exposure to other cultures and ways of life impact us?
7. What are current challenges in balancing work and personal obligations? Are there different roadblocks to achieving this for men and women?
8. This story takes place in 2019, just prior to the coronavirus pandemic. Although the story is fiction, what elements of the story will likely change in 2020?
9. How should public health policy balance the needs of society versus those of individual patients, especially in the face of different perspectives?
10. Zoonotic diseases are those in common between humans and non-human animals. How are transmission, investigation, prevention, and control more complex for zoonotic diseases than those infecting only humans?
11. What is the role of climate change in the story and for zoonotic diseases?
12. How can someone with a veterinary medical degree contribute to disease investigations?

**This book is intended for an adult audience, and may contain language, characters, themes, and content that are offensive or triggering to some readers.**