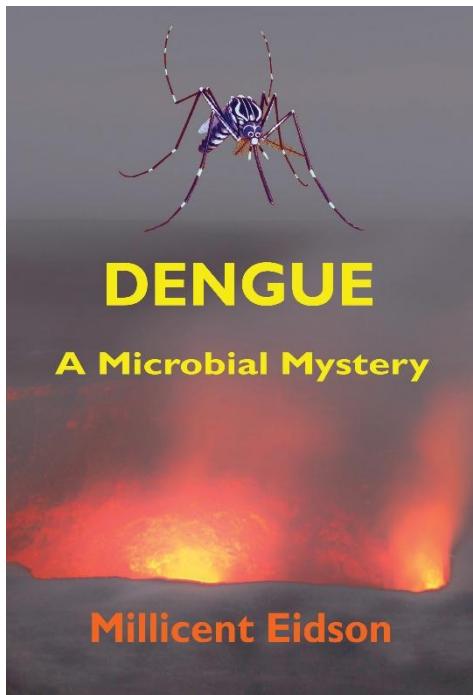


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"The mystery, the characters, the setting, and the uncanny timing of this book make it a compelling read. I would recommend it to anyone who loves medical thrillers, mysteries set in Hawaii, mysteries with diverse characters, books with a strong female protagonist, and fictional tales related to climate change."—A.M. Reade, USA Today Bestselling Author, *Dengue: A Microbial Mystery*

Is dengue the next pandemic? Two veterinary medical detectives, decades apart in age and experience, battle the tropical disease on the mainland, then in Hawai'i. Even in paradise, people can't escape blood-thirsty mosquitoes spurred on by a warming climate. Join these resilient women as they push through personal challenges to discover the scientific truth and stop the relentless death toll.

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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

“DENGUE: 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 medical thriller, crime fiction, 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 initial point-of-view character is a recently widowed Chinese American woman adopted as an infant by an Irish-heritage family living in the Southwest. What elements of her background enrich the story?
3. The other point-of-view character is an older bisexual public health veterinarian raised on a Colorado ranch but working her entire life in New York City. How do the alternating POV chapters expand your identification with the story?
4. Geographic locations are intended as characters in themselves. How do geography and history influence the story?
5. Both characters are changed by their work in Hawai’i. In what ways do you think exposure to other ways of life impact us?
6. What do you think of both characters’ choices for handling personal grief?
7. What are the roadblocks to achieving a work-life balance based on gender and economic status?
8. Zoonotic diseases are those in common between humans and nonhuman animals. How are transmission, investigation, prevention, and control more complex for zoonotic diseases than those infecting only humans?
9. What is the role of climate change in the story and for zoonotic diseases?
10. How can someone with a veterinary medical degree contribute to disease investigations?
11. For authenticity, writers often rely on personal experience. Writers also use research and close consultation with others to create characters, plot events, and settings not their own. As a reader, do you have a preferred balance of work informed by an author’s imagination, research, and representation of their background?

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