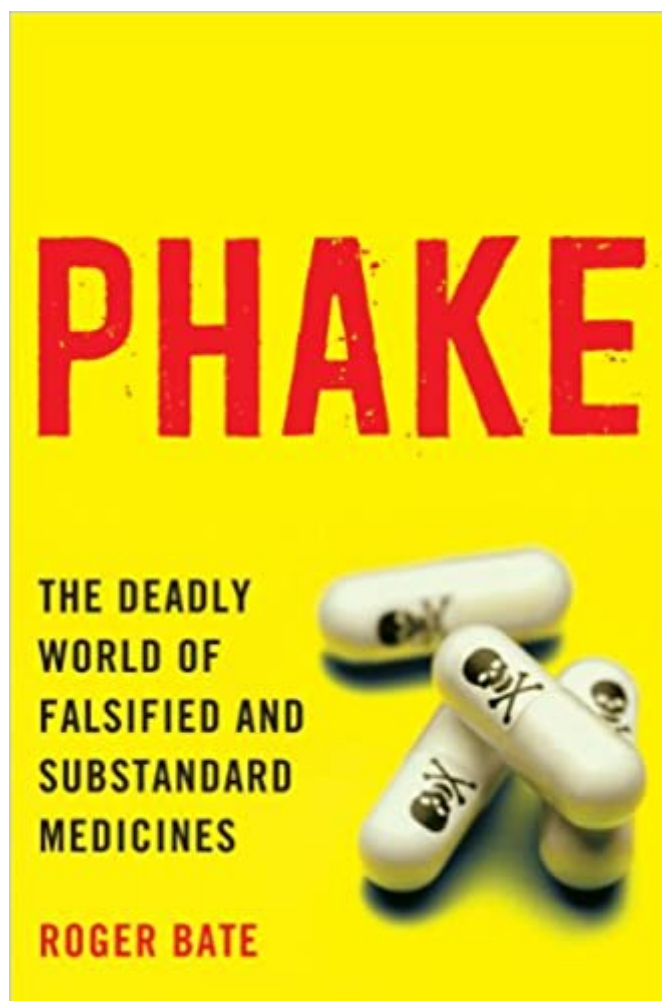


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# Phake: The Deadly World Of Falsified And Substandard Medicines



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Roger Bate has spent years on the trail of counterfeit medicines in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, learning the anatomy of a nebulous, far-reaching black market that has resulted in countless deaths and injuries around the world. *Phake: The Deadly World of Falsified and Substandard Medicines* is the culmination of Bate's research and travels—both a fascinating firsthand account of the counterfeit drug trade and an incisive policy analysis with important ramifications for decision makers in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the international World Health Organization.

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