

## Book Review: 1000 mLs of Truth

This book is in an odd format. It is the full day deposition of Stanley Plotkin by Aaron Siri on January 11, 2018. It was recorded on five videodiscs. A videotape is available to purchase.

Plotkin appeared as an expert witness in defense of the pharmaceutical industry. He is the author of the book Plotkin's Vaccines, the standard reference on all vaccines. It is a formidable book, now in its eighth edition. At 1808 pages, it costs \$325.

The book is printed by scientific publishing house Elsevier. Amazon calls it simply "The gold standard reference on vaccine prevention of targeted infectious and other diseases." This edition has multiple authors, one of whom is Plotkin's former student and vaccine advocate Paul Offit, whose book "[Deadly Choices](#)" I have previously reviewed.

The deposition was requested and made by the plaintiff's lawyer, Aaron Siri. He was known at the time for his support of lawsuits against the pharmaceutical industry. He came to prominence in the Covid era for his challenges to the Covid vaccines and the mandates.

This deposition addresses most of the questions that continually surround the vaccine industry. How thoroughly are they tested? Do the randomized controlled tests use true, inert placebos, or do they contain other ingredients such as adjuvants? What are the cost-benefit trade-offs? In one particular, Siri pursues a comparison of the number of adverse reactions to tetanus vaccines to the number of annual tetanus deaths.

Are the package inserts on the vaccines accurate? For how long after a vaccine is administered does the vaccine industry attempt to record adverse events? Were the adverse event recording systems designed to avoid fully capturing adverse reactions and the data required to analyze them?

The dialogue between Siri and Plotkin is characterized by courtesy and mutual respect. They know that they are addressing a significant issue.

Let me as a reviewer offer a caution to the reader. Jump in in the middle, about 40% of the way through the book! If you begin at the beginning, you will soon become bored and abandon the effort. Inasmuch as it was not designed to be a book, and is not so organized, you will not lose much by doing so.

Though they are not mentioned in this deposition, Siri was obviously familiar with other books on the topic of vaccines. The most important of these would be Paul Offit's 2011 [Deadly Choices](#), mentioned above, and Suzanne Humphreys' [Dissolving Illusions](#). Link to my reviews. [Turtles All the Way Down](#), coming out a year later, supports many of the arguments that appear in this deposition and points the reader to excellent references.

The many, many books and articles that have appeared since Covid 19 by authors such as Michael Yeadon, Naomi Wolf, Peter Breggin, Peter McCullough, David Martin, Reiner Fielmich and Robert Kennedy document the problems inherent in vaccine development and testing as they manifested themselves in the Covid vaccines.

This is an outstanding book. Had it received attention at the time it was published it could have saved millions of lives. It remains the most significant dialog of which I know between heavyweight vaccine proponents and skeptics.