



COVID WARS

America's Struggle Over Public Health and Personal Freedom

“Writing with future historians in mind, Gruner systematically examines the Covid-19 pandemic’s impact on the United States in 10 chapters that incorporate over 80 charts, tables, and graphs.

Red and blue states’ differing strategies regarding lockdowns and reopenings serve as case studies, offering hard data that tracks deaths both caused by and related to the virus as well as its economic and educational impact.

To call the book thorough would be an understatement.”

– Kirkus Reviews

“Gruner’s analysis of data is transparent and persuasive.

While he explores the history of virology and pandemics and other nations’ responses to Covid, what is perhaps most powerful here is revisiting, in Gruner’s precise and unheated reporting, the feeling of a nation spinning out of control, especially as overwhelming and contradictory conspiracy theories, accusations, and misinformation proliferated.

The result is an incisive history.”

– Booklife

“Ronald Gruner, with the precision of a historian and the skill of an accomplished storyteller, takes the reader from the roots of virology in the 19th century to the chaotic pandemic years from 2020 through 2022.

Gruner's writing is crisp and compelling. More than simply explaining complex topics, Gruner makes them interesting. The opening chapters build an absorbing backstory on events leading up to the pandemic from the 1918 Spanish Flu to President George W. Bush's eerie predictions of the forthcoming pandemic fifteen years later.

The author isn't shy about calling out failures. Public health leaders, politicians, conspiracy theorists, and media figures are unveiled and held accountable.

What readers will appreciate most, though, is Gruner's balance. He acknowledges the human and economic damage caused by lockdowns, while also recognizing that public health officials had a responsibility to slow the spread of the deadly virus.”



Ronald Gruner founded and served as the chief executive of three successful technology firms over his forty-year career. As a chief executive, Gruner wrote extensively on business and technology.

Since retiring, Gruner has published two histories: *We the Presidents* and *Covid Wars*. *We the Presidents* was awarded the gold medal for General Nonfiction by the Florida Book Awards in 2022.

Gruner is a member of the Authors Guild and the Florida Authors and Publishers Association.

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