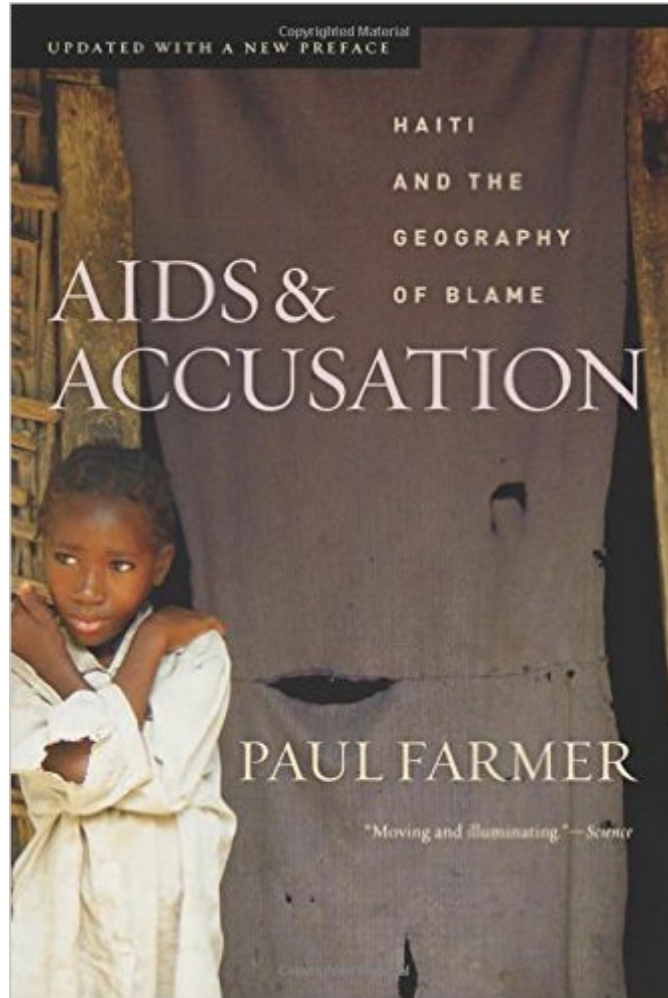


The book was found

# AIDS And Accusation: Haiti And The Geography Of Blame



## Synopsis

Does the scientific theory that HIV came to North America from Haiti stem from underlying attitudes of racism and ethnocentrism in the United States rather than from hard evidence?

Award-winning author and anthropologist-physician Paul Farmer answers with this, the first full-length ethnographic study of AIDS in a poor society. First published in 1992 this new edition has been updated and a new preface added.

## Book Information

Paperback: 372 pages

Publisher: University of California Press; Updated with a New Preface edition (May 3, 2006)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0520248392

ISBN-13: 978-0520248397

Product Dimensions: 6 x 1 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.2 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars See all reviews (10 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #323,994 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #61 in Books > Medical Books > Medicine > Internal Medicine > Pathology > Diseases > AIDS & HIV #157 in Books > Textbooks > Medicine & Health Sciences > Research > Epidemiology #196 in Books > Textbooks > Medicine & Health Sciences > Medicine > Clinical > Diseases

## Customer Reviews

Farmer's excellent historical ethnography of Haitian illness (as seen through the contemporary context of the world AIDS epidemic), proves the necessity of developing anthropological approaches to understanding health systems and implementing medical care. The diagnosis and analysis of sickness, disease, illness, and treatment should go hand-in-hand with the cultural understanding of local systems of blame, accusation, causation, and cure. Where most approaches to medicine are based on the "Westernized" first-world nations' understanding of the causes of illness (tainted as well, as Farmer shows, by systematic "blame the victim" and shame techniques), the adoption of these approaches in treating the illnesses of other peoples can be catastrophic. Three ethnographies make up the structure of a detailed historical inquiry ) The longstanding tradition of conceiving of illness through the lens of powerlessness shapes the contemporary lives of the people in Haiti with whom Farmer worked. Although they could see the effects of the illness, people in this region were obsessed with the cause of the illness, and felt the need to understand

AIDS through a constructed narrative of blame. A deep belief in their religion led villagers to look for the source of witchcraft that could possibly be harming them, and elaborate stories about neighbors, jealousies, and rivalries flourished as a result. Any improvement in the standing of one member of the society (through wealth, status, relationships, acquisition of property or food, or political power through employment or marriage) adds to the structure of distrust and blame. Farmer's book shows how disturbingly complex and deep the layers of mistrust, misinformation, and the effects of racism, are.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

AIDS and Accusation: Haiti and the Geography of Blame Living With HIV: The Essential Guide to Managing and Healing HIV & AIDS Symptoms (HIV essentials, AIDS research, HIV research, HIV test, AIDS virus, HIV ... HIV infection, HIV AIDS, AIDS HIV Book 1) Zombie Curse: A Doctor's 25-year Journey into the Heart of the AIDS Epidemic in Haiti Sande's HIV/AIDS Medicine: Medical Management of AIDS 2013, 2e Legal Blame: How Jurors Think and Talk about Accidents (Law and Public Policy) The Politics of Public Service Bargains: Reward, Competency, Loyalty - and Blame BAD MOTHERS: The Politics of Blame in Twentieth-Century America Awkward Moments (Not Found In Your Average) Children's Bible - Vol. 2: Don't blame us - it's in the Bible! (Volume 2) Physical Geography Laboratory Manual for McKnight's Physical Geography: A Landscape Appreciation (11th Edition) Urban Geography: A Critical Introduction (Critical Introductions to Geography) Historic Shipwrecks Of The Dominican Republic And Haiti, Second Edition: Their Locations And Provenance The Spirits and the Law: Vodou and Power in Haiti Red and Black in Haiti: Radicalism, Conflict, and Political Change, 1934-1957 Lost White Tribes: The End of Privilege and the Last Colonials in Sri Lanka, Jamaica, Brazil, Haiti, Namibia, and Guadeloupe The Big Truck That Went By: How the World Came to Save Haiti and Left Behind a Disaster Freedom's Mirror: Cuba and Haiti in the Age of Revolution Democratic Insecurities: Violence, Trauma, and Intervention in Haiti (California Series in Public Anthropology) Sailing sunny seas; a story of travel in Jamaica, Honolulu, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Porto Rico, St. Thomas, Dominica, Martinique, Trinidad and the West Indies Modernity Disavowed: Haiti and the Cultures of Slavery in the Age of Revolution (John Hope Franklin Center Books (Paperback)) Birds of the Dominican Republic and Haiti (Princeton Field Guides)

[Dmca](#)