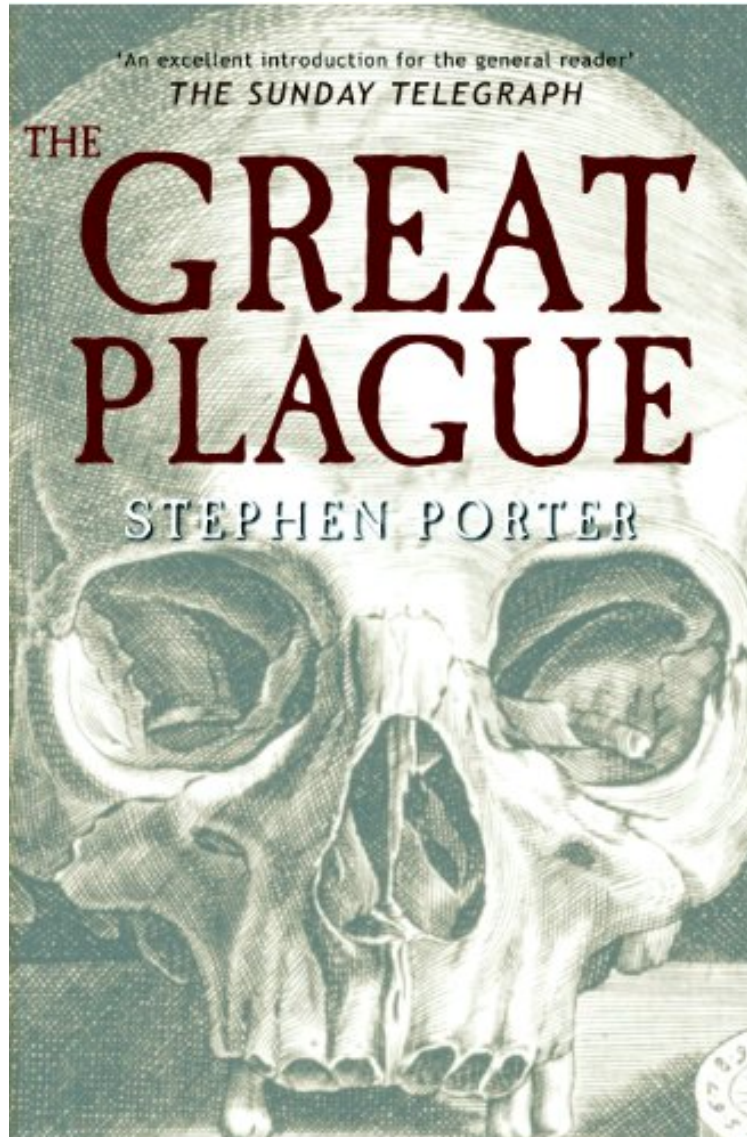


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**Von Stephen Porter : The Great Plague (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Great Plague (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. InterestingVon Ein KundeI used this book for my thesis in history on the great plague of London. Porter's research is very thorough, but having dealt with books on the same subject by Walter George Bell and contemporary works from the years 1665/66 it was rather disappointing for me. Porter does not give any new insights on the supposedly last

plague of London. For those who would like to know more about this plague and do not have any previous knowledge on the subject I would advise to read Bell's book. For more specialised information Porter is your man. Sometimes the chapter of the book do not seem to follow any logical order, and the chapter dealing about the country and the handling of the plague there is not really satisfactory. I also think it is disappointing that he did not cite more contemporary sources which would have done a lot to freshen up the book. To me it is just a collection of facts: Not bad, but not really satisfactory!

KurzbeschreibungThe bubonic plague epidemic which struck England in 1665-6 was responsible for the deaths of almost a third of London's population. Its sheer scale was overwhelming and it was well-recorded, featuring in the works of Pepys and Defoe and described in terrible detail in the contemporary Bills of Mortality. Often remembered because of its devastating impact on London, the plague struck other urban communities as well, carrying off half the population of Colchester and causing high mortality in cities such as Norwich and Cambridge. Nor were country villages spared, with Eyam in Derbyshire - where the inhabitants sealed themselves off to prevent the spread of the disease and a third of the inhabitants died - being the most famous. Stephen Porter describes the disease and how people at the time thought it was caused. He gives details of the treatments available (such as they were) and evokes its impact on the country. We will probably never know the reasons for the disappearance of the bubonic plague from England after 1665. What is clear is the fascination the subject still holds. Features 61 illustrations.

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Synopsis This is a new edition of the standard narrative history of the Great Plague which struck England in 1665-66. It is extensively illustrated with over 80 contemporary images. 'An excellent introduction for the general reader' - "The Sunday Telegraph".