

Who Was Typhoid Mary? The killer cook who changed what we

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Between 1900 and 1907, an Irish immigrant cook named Mary infected dozens of New Yorkers with typhoid fever. Tracked down through detective work, she was finally taken into custody and quarantined on an island off Manhattan, where she died decades later. This fascinating lecture tells the remarkable story of the woman known as Typhoid Mary and why she is remembered as the first "healthy" carrier of

a deadly bacteria. At a time when we struggle with serious questions about the threats of epidemics, Typhoid Mary's story couldn't be more timely.





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