Cholera, “the blue death”, spread across the globe in the 19th century, killing and sickening millions. Hamilton, Ontario was a small town when cholera arrived in the summer of 1832, and a growing city when it returned in 1854. Written by a class of fourth-year Anthropology students at McMaster University, this book tells the story of these epidemics and their impact on the people of Hamilton: who died, who was blamed, how life changed during the epidemics, how the disease was understood and treated, and its lasting legacy to the city.