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**ABRAHAM'S CHILDREN RACE, IDENTITY
AND THE DNA OF THE CHOSEN PEOPLE**

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USA, 237 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y.
10017 or at your local bookstore.*

The advent of DNA testing to learn more about a person's ancestry and genealogy has allowed the author to take a long look at the history of the Jewish people, and in some instances rewrite that history. The first chapter deals with the author's own identity and the effect having inherited the defective gene which makes the women more susceptible to breast and ovarian cancer and the men to pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, and melanoma of the eye has had on his family.

As a result of DNA testing, Christians, Mormons, Muslims in Europe and the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and in America, and many others around the world have realized they share Jewish ancestry. The author tells of the priest from New Mexico who found that he was a descendant of Jews who were forced to convert to Christianity during the Spanish Inquisition. A cancer researcher whose family came to America on the Mayflower finds that she also has Jewish ancestors, and a Catholic young man learns that his Jewish mother was adopted by a Polish couple to save her from a concentration camp.

Chapter titles in the book include Blood Ties; Eve and Adam; Finding Aaron; Wandering Tribes; Coming to America; The Vanishing Jews of Spain; Jews & Race; Jewish Mothers or Jewish Genes; and Abraham's Contested Covenant.

This book is well written and easy to read and should be of interest to any researcher anxious to use the newest genealogical tools in proving his ancestry.