

Praise for *Altered Genes, Twisted Truth*

“Without doubt, one of the most important books of the last 50 years. I shall urge everyone I know who cares about life on earth, and the future of their children, and children’s children, to read it. It will go a long way toward dispelling the confusion and delusion that has been created regarding the genetic engineering process and the foods it produces. . . . Steven Druker is a hero. He deserves at least a Nobel Prize.”

— **Jane Goodall, PhD, DBE, UN Messenger of Peace** (*from the Foreword*)

“A fascinating book: highly informative, eminently readable, and most enjoyable. It’s a real page-turner and an eye-opener.”

— **Richard C. Jennings, PhD**

Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge, UK

“This incisive and insightful book is truly outstanding. Not only is it well-reasoned and scientifically solid, it’s a pleasure to read – and a must-read. Through its masterful marshalling of facts, it dispels the cloud of disinformation that has misled people into believing that GE foods have been adequately tested and don’t entail abnormal risk.”

— **David Schubert, PhD** Molecular biologist and Head of Cellular Neurobiology,
Salk Institute for Biological Studies

“*Altered Genes, Twisted Truth* is lucid, illuminating, and alarming. As a former New York City prosecutor, I was shocked to discover how the FDA illegally exempted GE foods from the rigorous testing mandated by federal statute. And as the mother of three young kids, I was outraged to learn how America’s children are being callously exposed to experimental foods that were deemed abnormally risky by the FDA’s own experts.”

— **Tara-Cook Littman, JD**

“Steven Druker has written a great book that could well be a milestone in the endeavor to establish a scientifically sound policy on genetically engineered foods. The evidence is comprehensive and irrefutable; the reasoning is clear and compelling. No one has documented other cases of irresponsible behavior by government regulators and the scientific establishment nearly as well as Druker documents this one. His book should be widely read and thoroughly heeded.”

— **John Ikerd, PhD** Professor Emeritus of Agricultural and Applied Economics,
University of Missouri – Columbia

“*Altered Genes, Twisted Truth* will stand as a landmark. It should be required reading in every university biology course.”

— **Joseph Cummins, PhD** Professor Emeritus of Genetics,
Western University, London, Ontario

“Steven Druker's meticulously documented, well-crafted, and spellbinding narrative should serve as a clarion call to all of us. In particular, his chapter detailing the deadly epidemic of 1989-90 that was linked with a genetically engineered food supplement is especially significant. I and my Mayo Clinic colleagues were active participants in the attempt to identify the cause of this epidemic. Druker provides a comprehensive analysis of all the evidence and also presents new findings from our work. Overall his discussion of this tragic event, as well as its ominous implications, is the most comprehensive, evenly-balanced and accurate account that I have read.”

— **Stephen Naylor, PhD** CEO and Chairman of MaiHealth Inc.
Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, & Pharmacology
Mayo Clinic (1991-2001)

“Steven Druker has done a beautiful job of weaving a compelling scientific argument into an engaging narrative that often reads like a detective story, and he makes his points dramatically and clearly. The examination of genetic engineering from the standpoint of software engineering is especially insightful, exposing how the former is more like a ‘hackathon’ than a careful, systematic methodology for revising complex information systems. I will recommend this book to my friends.”

— **Thomas J. McCabe** Developer of the cyclomatic complexity software metric,
a key analytic tool in computer programming employed throughout the world

“Based on over 30 years of teaching computer science at universities and on extensive experience as a programmer in private industry, I can state that Steven Druker has done an excellent job of demonstrating the recklessness of the current practices of genetic engineering in comparison to the established practices of software engineering. His book presents a striking contrast between the two fields, showing how software engineers progressively developed greater awareness of the inherent risks of altering complex information systems – and accordingly developed more rigorous procedures for managing them – while genetic technicians have largely failed to do either, despite the fact that the information systems they alter are far more complex, and far less comprehended, than any human-made system.”

— **Ralph Bunker, PhD**

“Steven Druker has written one of the few books I have encountered, in my many years of public interest work, with the capacity to drive major change in a major issue. What Ralph Nader’s *Unsafe at Any Speed* was to the auto industry and what Rachel Carson’s *Silent Spring* was to synthetic pesticides, *Altered Genes, Twisted Truth* will be to genetically engineered food. It is profoundly penetrating, illuminating, and compelling, and it could stimulate a monumental and beneficial shift in our system of food production.”

— **Joan Levin, JD, MPH**

“*Altered Genes, Twisted Truth* is very readable, thorough, logical and thought-provoking. Steven Druker exposes shenanigans employed to promote genetic engineering that will surprise even those who have followed the ag-biotech industry closely for years. I strongly recommend his book.”

— **Belinda Martineau, PhD** Molecular biologist, a co-developer of the first genetically engineered whole food, and author of *First Fruit: The Creation of the Flavr Savr™ Tomato and the Birth of Biotech Foods*

“Druker's brilliant exposé catches the promoters of GE food red-handed: falsifying data, corrupting regulators, lying to Congress. He thoroughly demonstrates how distortions and deceptions have been piled one on top of another, year after year, producing a global industry that teeters on a foundation of fraud and denial. This book is sure to send shockwaves around the world.”

— **Jeffrey M. Smith** International bestselling author of *Seeds of Deception & Genetic Roulette*

“*Altered Genes, Twisted Truth* reveals how the inception of molecular biotechnology ignited a battle between those committed to scientific accuracy and the public interest and those who saw genetic engineering's commercial potential. Steven Druker's meticulously researched book pieces together the deeply disturbing and tremendously important history of the intertwined science and politics of GMOs. Understanding this ongoing struggle is a key to understanding science in the modern world.”

— **Allison Wilson, PhD** Molecular geneticist
Science Director, The Bioscience Resource Project

“Steven Druker's exceptionally well-researched and well-written book elucidates the scientific facts about genetically engineered foods that the PR myths have been obscuring. It provides a unique and invaluable resource not only for concerned citizens, but for historians of science and technology as well. In a comprehensive and skillful manner, it demonstrates how the integrity of science was compromised as a highly influential community of biologists with special interests in genetic engineering muddled scientific truth in order to protect the image of bioengineered foods and to advance their growing partnerships with big business and government. Ultimately, the book reveals that what's at stake here is not only the safety of our food supply, but the future of science.

I am pleased that Steven made good use of the extensive firsthand information I shared about the unsavory behind-the-scenes machinations of biotech promoters in both scientific institutions and government agencies, and I am very impressed with the book as a whole – and expect that a large number of other scientists will be too.”

— **Philip Regal, PhD** Professor Emeritus, College of Biological Sciences,
University of Minnesota

“*Altered Genes, Twisted Truth* is a remarkable work that may well change the public conversation on one of the most important issues of our day. If the numerous revelations it contains become widely known, the arguments being used to defend genetically engineered foods will be untenable.”

— **Frederick Kirschenmann, PhD** Distinguished Fellow,
Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Iowa State University
Author of *Cultivating an Ecological Conscience*