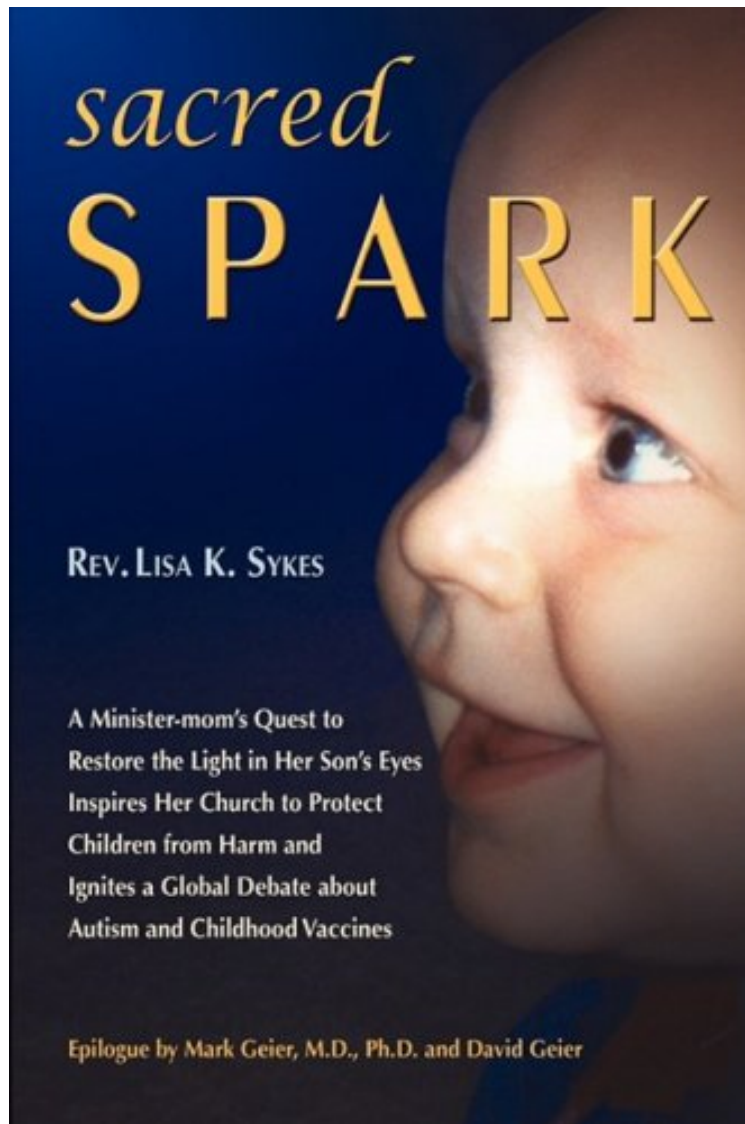


Sacred Spark

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Lisa K. Sykes, M. D. Mark R. Geier, David A. Geier : Sacred Spark before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sacred Spark:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Appeals to emotion but no science to back it upBy SarahReading this book made me torn. On the one hand, the mother in this is very obviously trying to do the best thing for her son. You can sense the desperation, the fear, anxiety. And on the other hand, I saw how easily she was manipulated by the bad science around her. People were feeding off her fear and trying to sell her a cure. There is no "cure" for autism, and the treatments (chelation) she put her son through have killed a child before.Also for as much sympathy as I was

trying to have for the mother I really disliked how she would describe her son's autism, as if it was some kind of death sentence and he would never live a "normal" life or be happy because he had autism. I don't think she meant to do it on purpose but I know so many wonderfully happy autistic people who function pretty much like everyone else, and if some of them read what she wrote about autism I know it would make them sad/frustrated. She's painting autism with such a wide brush and I can't respect that. Additionally I think the "science" presented in this book has very little merit. If you are not familiar with Mark Geier, I will give you a brief synopsis of why he is no longer allowed to practice medicine: He misrepresented his credentials, misdiagnosed autistic children with precocious puberty, administered experimental treatments to autistic children (lupron/chelation), failed to explain the risks of these treatments to the parents of these autistic children, and claimed his treatments were approved by a federally sanctioned IRB when in fact the IRB in question was comprised of himself, his son, and his wife and therefore did not meet federal or state criteria. His autism treatments/tests cost thousands upon thousands of dollars a month, all without any science to back it up. Lupron for instance, is used to chemically castrate sex offenders, and does not have ANY proven benefit to autistic children. Overall, this book is disappointing and very ironic. Many of the things the author complains about (big pharma being greedy, inadequate safety testing, scientific bias, etc) are all things the Geier's have done, and specifically done to her. In one chapter she even complains about how one-sided it all is, but her book could be considered the poster child for one-sided. Often when I meet someone who uses anti-vax talking points I'm amazed at how much "research" they think they have done, only to realize they didn't go much deeper than the first few conspiracy blogs in the google results. If you actually attempt to research these people it becomes blatantly obvious that what they are advocating for is unethical and unscientific. I'm not surprised to see the likes of David Kirby, Boyd Haley, Amy Holmes, Andrew Wakefield, and Mark Blaxill listed in this book either, as all of them are guilty of the same pseudoscience as the Geier's. I am so glad I bought this book used instead of new, because I would hate the idea of giving any more money to these people than they have already scammed from the desperate parents of autistic children. TL;DR this book will try to appeal to your emotion but does so using bad science to accomplish it's agenda. Would not recommend. Vaccinate your kids.

1 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Amazing Chronicle of Lisa's Journey By Jo Peck Everybody needs to read this, especially prior to mass vaccinations beginning in a few weeks!! I had the honor of meeting both Dr Mark Geier and David Geier, prominent throughout this book...and these two men have sacrificed a great deal in order to save others from mercury poisoning! Their credentials are lengthy; their commitment unwavering. Bless Rev Sykes for sharing her story in such detail! Bless the Geiers and Dan Burton, and others actively involved in getting the TRUTH of these vaccines out! Each of us reading this book has an obligation to share this information; it's no exaggeration to say that the life of a child could be at stake.

6 of 8 people found the following review helpful. A Story of Loss, Recovery and Activism for a Child with Autism By drking-scientist Sacred Spark is a riveting biographical story of a mother's journey to recover her child Wesley's humanity following his regression into the depths of developmental delay, which was first diagnosed as autism but later proven to be sub-acute mercury poisoning. It also chronicles her efforts to stop the use of mercury in vaccines and other medicines and to educate the public to the dangers of mercury, principally as Thimerosal, to the developing child. The book is an engaging, straightforward tale of the journey of the author, a United Methodist Minister, who watched her once healthy son, Wesley, regress into the depths of a darkness that made him resist her loving touch, and who, by seeking to understand and address the underlying causal factors for his regression, has significantly recovered her son. Moreover, the book chronicles her efforts to overcome the devastation to her family, get on with life, bring another child into her family, and champion the removal of mercury from vaccines and other medicines. Fittingly, the book ends with the growing involvement of the United Methodist Church and other organizations in support of the author's efforts to end the use of mercury in medicine. Because the story is compelling, everyone should read Sacred Spark.

Sacred Spark is the compelling true story of a child affected by mercury-poisoning and his minister-mother's decade-long battle to restore the light in his eyes. It is also the inspiring story of Reverend Sykes' work with the United Methodist Church to pass the first global resolution advocating the elimination of mercury from medicine, a nascent social justice movement on par with historical faith-based campaigns against child labor and slavery. With pragmatism and compassion, Sacred Spark calls for putting the well-being of children first. Through Sacred Spark's unflinchingly honest, first-person account, parents and physicians demanding safer vaccines will find clarity to support their informed choices as well as inspiration and guidance to become advocates for children. Woven seamlessly into the book's engrossing narrative are Rev. Sykes' victories in appropriate and landmark biomedical treatments for her son, the success of empowered parents to enact state bans on mercury and to approach Attorney Generals across the country, attempts to find precious allies against a corrupt and protected industry, and her family's lawsuit defeat against a pharmaceutical company. As a Princeton Theological Seminary graduate and minister of 19 years, Rev. Sykes inspires the reader to go beyond compromised scientific studies and profit-driven political debates, and examine the mercury/autism issue through the first-hand experience of a mother and the faith

and conviction of a minister. Sacred Spark ultimately teaches us that it is ordinary people who ignite the fire of reform.