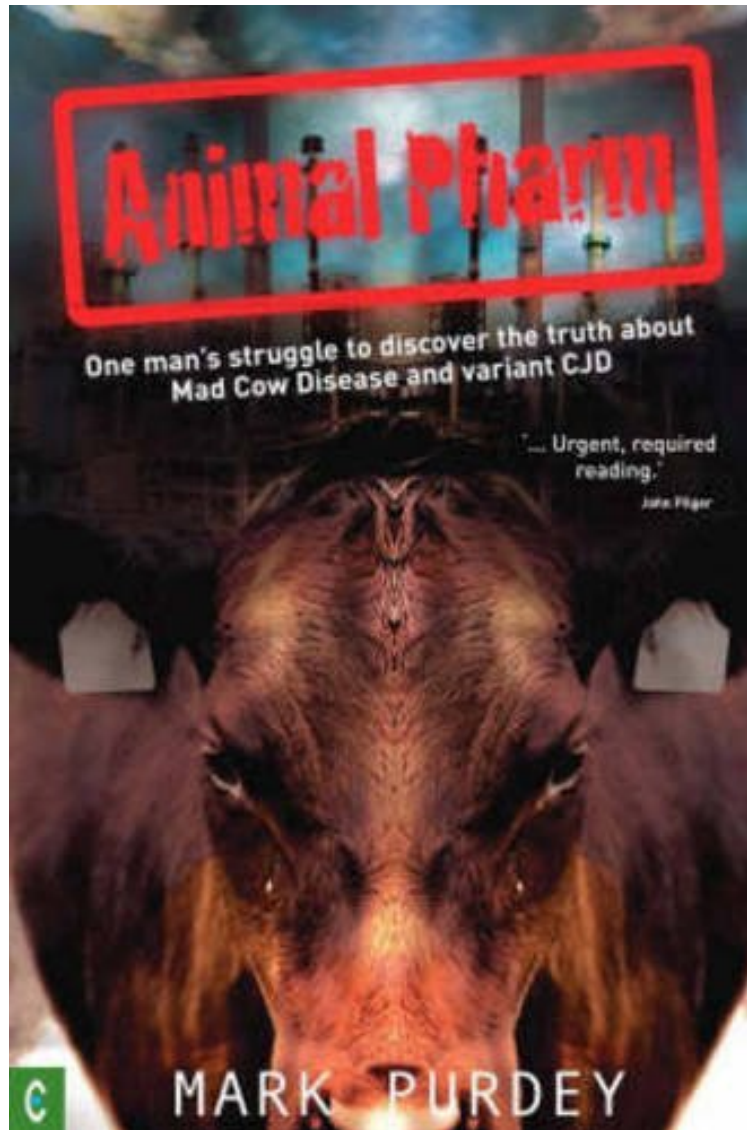


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This book is a must-read!By Stephanie SeneffI rarely have time to read a book lately, but this one was a definite exception. In fact, I could not put it down once I started. I was enthralled by the drama of the story as much as by the sleuthing involved in figuring out something as mysterious as prion diseases. Mark Purdey, an organic farmer, travelled the world in order to find answers to the mysterious madcow disease that was plaguing the cows in Great Britain. His tragic early death inspired his brother to complete the book, by writing the first and last chapters. Both brothers write eloquently and clearly, and the case they make for prion disease being due to a deficiency in copper alongside an excess of manganese exposure is so compelling that I don't see why this theory has not yet gone "main stream." It explains prion pathology much better than anything else I've heard, and provides a very simple explanation for the apparent "contagiousness" of the disease, induced by administering misfolded prions as an infecting agent. It's a wonderful book worth a prominent place on your bookshelf!!5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Amazing informationBy Mika MartinIf you read any book to find out more about Mad Cow disease, read this one. This guy offers a very in-depth, scientific, and fitting theory to explain Mad Cow and related neuro-degenerative diseases. He fuses several different scientific and academic disciplines in his attempt to take the mystery out of Mad Cow disease with first-hand, peer-reviewed research, and submits that it is rather a combination of several different factors that cause Mad Cow and variant-CJD; primarily a lack of trace elements in the body that are essential to the brain's blood-barrier defense, then followed by, simply put, heavy metal poisoning of the brain.He studied clustered cases of CJD and Mad Cow around the world and discovered that at every location in which more than one case appeared in a locality, there was also a source of metal contaminant pollution nearby - often, he noted, upwind of the outbreak location - such as military munitions factories and disposal sites, and manganese mine and quarry outfits.This book made a lot of sense to me with its truckload of scientific facts and figures, and has inspired me to take an interest (and maybe someday pursue further education) in possible chemical explanations of similar brain diseases.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. absolutely brilliantBy C. SymingtonThis book should be required reading for every meat eater on the planet. Purdey died much too young just a few years ago, and one must wonder (after the other mysterious deaths that occurred as he was investigating the link between mad cow and pesticides) just how much good he could have done if he had lived. Purdey's research is no doubt extremely unpopular with the mega-corporations that make the pesticides and the governments that rubber stamp them. All the more reason to arm yourself with this knowledge. HIGHLY RECOMMEND.

Mark Purdey's life changed one day in 1984, when a Ministry of Agriculture inspector told him he must administer a toxic organophosphate pesticide to his dairy herd. Passionately committed to organic farming and convinced of the harmful effects of chemicals in the environment, he refused to comply. "It was as if my whole life became focused," he explained later. Before they had a chance to prosecute, Purdey took the Ministry to court and won his case. Those experiences led him to challenge the orthodox line on the origins of Mad Cow Disease and its human counterpart, variant CJD. Could the insecticide used in the official program have precipitated the spread of the disease? Purdey's quest to discover the truth was hampered at every turn by government bureaucracies and self-serving scientific cliques who sought to smear and marginalize him. Dogged by dirty tricks and forced to work alone as something of a scientific sleuth, he struggled to reveal hidden interests and dangerous secrets. His supporters included many members of the public, as well as Prince Charles, as well as the poet Ted Hughes, who wrote to him expressing "a million congratulations." Increasingly sceptical of the official narrative, Purdey was certain that toxic environmental factors would provide answers, and so embarked on a self-funded worldwide odyssey to investigate. *Animal Pharm* follows him on these eco-detective trails to locations as diverse as Iceland, Sardinia, Colorado, and Australia. Purdey uncovers contamination from industry, munitions, pesticides, nuclear experiments, and natural geology, linking these with the emergence of a range of neurodegenerative diseases. His research is at once compelling and disturbing, helping to create a paradigm shift in our understanding of the relationship of pollutants to disease and health.

"If Purdey is right, he deserves a Nobel Prize for medicine. Instead he has been shot at, his phone lines have been cut and his house has been burnt down." -- George Monbiot, author of *Heat: How to Stop the Planet Burning*"Mark Purdey's investigation is urgent, required reading." -- John Pilger, journalist, author, and documentary filmmakerAbout the AuthorMark Purdey, born in 1953, turned down a university place to start his own organic farm at the age of nineteen. In the late 1980s, he started to teach himself neurobiology, and in the mid-1990s began worldwide field research to discover the truth behind BSE, CJD and other neurodegenerative diseases. He was a vociferous campaigner on these issues, making television programs, publishing articles in peer-reviewed journals, and lecturing at prestigious institutions. He died November 2006 of a brain tumour and is survived by his wife and eight children.Nigel Purdey was born in 1951 and attended the Universities of London and South Bank. He taught classical guitar and, for the last twenty-five years, has worked in architecture. He has had Chronic Fatigue Syndrome for eighteen years, which led him to research its links with toxic exposure. He quickly developed an interest in his brother's work and

accompanied him on several research trips, making several short films of their journeys.