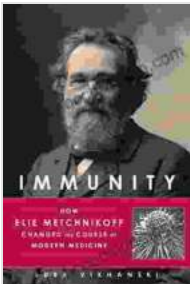


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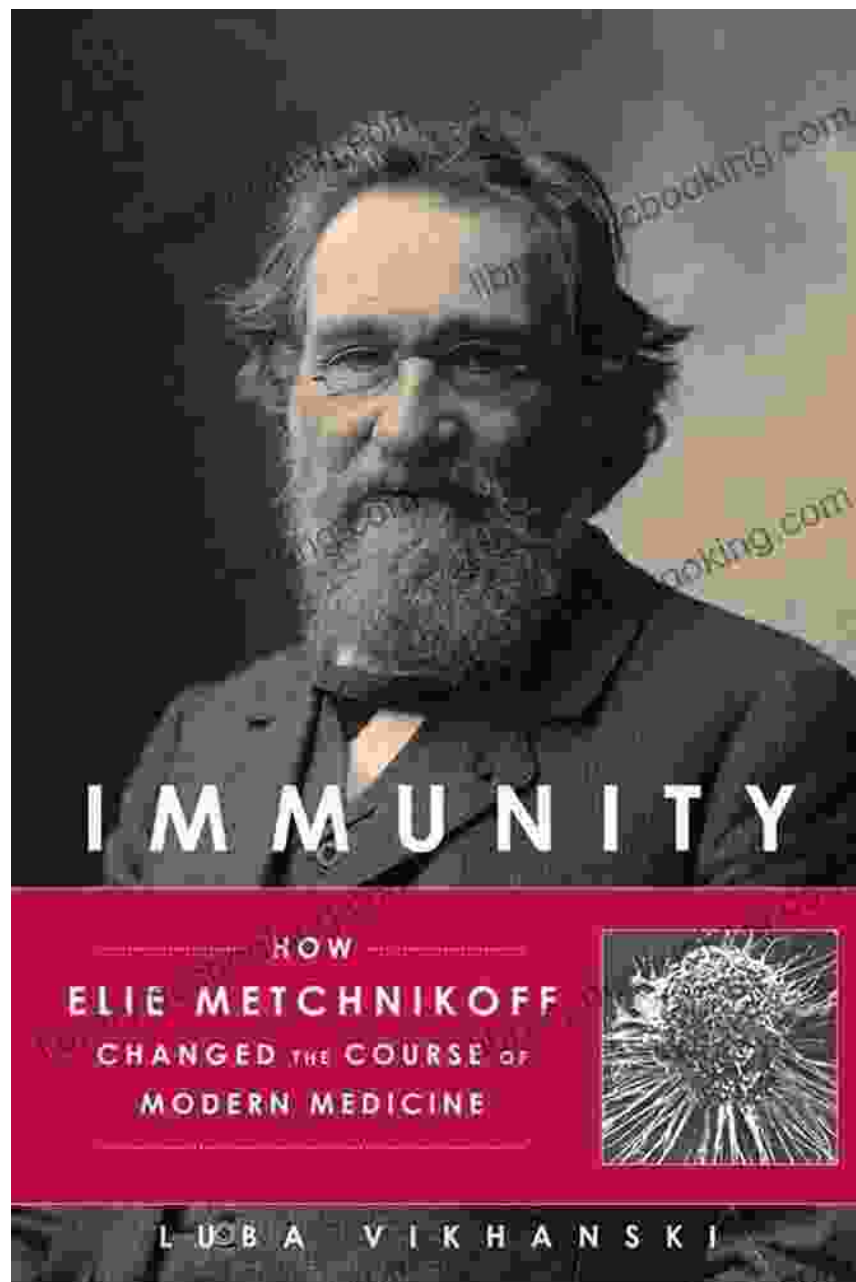
## Early Life and Education

Metchnikoff was born in Kharkiv, Ukraine, in 1845. He showed an early interest in science and began studying zoology at the University of Kharkiv. After graduating, he worked at several laboratories in Europe, including the Pasteur Institute in Paris.

## Discovery of Phagocytosis

In 1882, Metchnikoff made his most important discovery: phagocytosis. He observed that certain cells in the body, which he called phagocytes, could

engulf and destroy harmful bacteria. This discovery revolutionized the understanding of how the body defends itself against infection.



## **Cellular Immunity**

Metchnikoff's research on phagocytosis led him to develop the theory of cellular immunity. He proposed that the body's defense against infection was primarily mediated by cells, rather than antibodies. This theory was

later confirmed by other scientists and is now a cornerstone of modern immunology.

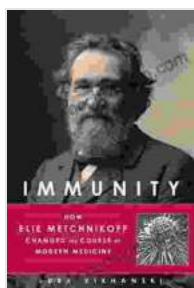
## Probiotics

In addition to his work on phagocytosis, Metchnikoff also made important contributions to the field of probiotics. He believed that certain bacteria could have beneficial effects on the body, and he advocated for the consumption of fermented foods, such as yogurt, to promote good health.

## Nobel Prize and Legacy

In 1908, Metchnikoff was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his work on phagocytosis. He is considered one of the founders of modern immunology and his discoveries have had a profound impact on the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases.

Elie Metchnikoff was a brilliant scientist who made groundbreaking discoveries that changed the course of modern medicine. His work on phagocytosis, cellular immunity, and probiotics has saved millions of lives and continues to inspire new research in the field of immunology.



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