

The Year the World Went Mad

A Scientific Memoir from the Pandemic

Mark Woolhouse



ABOUT THIS BOOK

In this astonishing book Mark Woolhouse recounts the history of the COVID-19 pandemic through the eyes of a scientist at the very centre of the action.

He explores the failures and successes of the United Kingdom's, and the world's, response to the virus, shows how he briefed both the British and Scottish governments on the scale of the fight ahead, and candidly describes the challenges scientists faced when working with politicians.

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He is a member of two high-level government advisory bodies: SPI-M for the UK (a subcommittee of SAGE) and the C19 Advisory Group for Scottish Government.

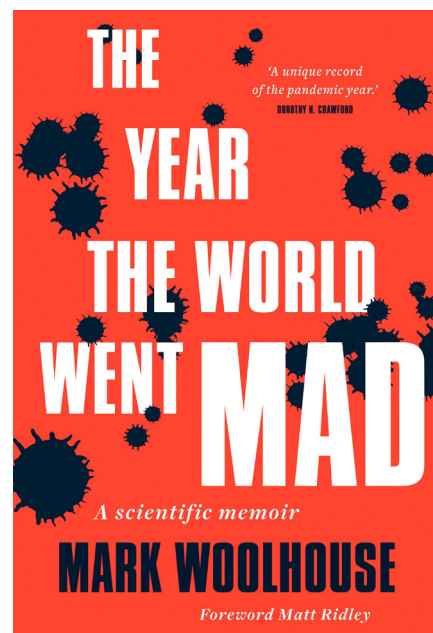
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'So many issues clarified and insights eloquently expressed. This will be an essential book.'

*Matt Ridley, author of **Genome and How Innovation Works***

'*The Year the World Went Mad* is a unique record of the pandemic year by an insider. Mark Woolhouse, an internationally acclaimed epidemiologist and advisor to the Scottish government, gives us a day-to-day account of debates and discussions inside government that formed drastic policies - lockdown, travel bans, school closures.'

*Dorothy H. Crawford FRSE OBE, author of **Deadly Companions and Viruses: A Very Short Introduction***



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