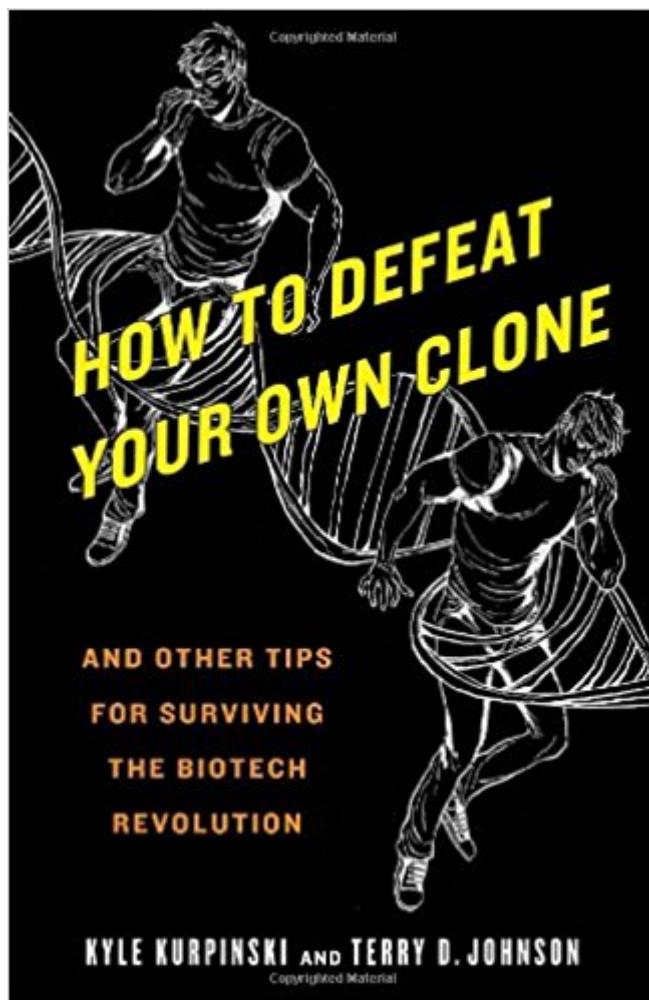


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# How To Defeat Your Own Clone: And Other Tips For Surviving The Biotech Revolution



## Synopsis

Send in the clones! On second thought, maybe not. CAN IT READ MY MIND? WILL IT BE EVIL? HOW DO I STOP IT? Find out the answers to these and other burning questions in this funny, informative, and ingenious book from two bioengineering experts who show you how to survive and thrive in a new age of truly weird science. For decades, science fiction has been alerting us to the wonders and perils of our biotech future from the prospects of gene therapy to the pitfalls of biological warfare. Now that future looms before us. Don't panic! This book is all you need to prepare for the new world that awaits us, providing indispensable cautionary advice on topics such as bioenhancements: They're not just for cyborgs anymore. DNA sequencing and fingerprinting: What's scarier than the government having your DNA on file? Try having it posted on the Internet. human cloning: Just like you, only stronger, smarter, and more attractive. In other words: more dangerous. Our future may be populated by designer babies, genetically enhanced supersoldiers, and one (or more!) of your genetic duplicates, but all is not lost. How to Defeat Your Own Clone is the ultimate survival guide to what lies ahead. Just remember the first rule of engagement: Don't ever let your clone read this book!

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Whether you've dreamed of a future with easy genetic face-lifts and chocolate-flavored broccoli or shivered from nightmares of viral warfare and biologically enhanced Richard Simmons clones, this book will set you straight on the facts behind genetics and cloning and keep you entertained all the way. Humans, they say, have been practicing genetic engineering for millennia, beginning with

early agricultural practices and the domestication of wolves and cattle. But now that scientists have sequenced the human genome, and stem cell research offers potential cures for everything, bioengineers Kurpinski and Johnson want to warn us away from extreme future dystopian scenarios such as eco-collapse and ultraintelligent Ă berclones or a utopian paradise where Money grows on trees. Pigs fly. Your clone may have the same DNA blueprint as you, but it won't be you.... Your younger, stronger, healthier clone probably could defeat you in a stand-up fight, but having read this book, you'll be prepared to outsmart it. Kurpinski and Johnson have written a science book that is irreverent, timely, accessible, and, best of all, compulsively readable.(Feb.) Copyright Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Two bioengineers in the San Francisco Bay Area provide advice, laced with humor, about what to do if cloning becomes a reality and you need to decide what to do with the new you, if you, or some thief of your genome, decide to make one. First Kurpinski and Johnson tell about the DNA stuff the cloner needs to know, and then they explain the basic procedure of cloning. Once nuclear transfer and cellular multiplication arrive at a complete human organism, why did you play God? ask the authors in effect, and not without a little mockery of human vanity and selfishness. To harvest organs? To have a look-alike buddy? To reengineer *Homo sapiens*? Being essentially human, clones will have their own ideas about their lives that the authors, with droll excursions into popular entertainmentâ™s depictions of clones, limn so that their readers may prepare their plans to regain the upper hand. Seriousness cloaked in lighthearted prose equals a science book with popular potential. --Gilbert Taylor

A fun book with lots of entertaining scientific facts! Definitely presented in a humorous way that takes the "boring" factor out of a serious topic but doesn't come across as ridiculous. I loved the sarcasm, silliness and mostly the chuckles these educated (yet lighthearted) authors gave me. Thanks Guys!

I am a free person now, free to do whatever I want. Yesterday I finished reading this book. I could not drop everything and read it 24/7, there are some things I have to do no matter what. But for the last few days, every minute I could, I enjoyed this book. It's the best thing I read lately. Written by a Teacher, Terry D. Johnson (I donâ¢t know anything about the second author), on the highest professional level, this book can be easily understood by everyone with basic education provided the reader is truly curious about bioengineering and would google the terms he/she does not know. But

for those who are still in search of his/her professional destiny the book might be an irreplaceable source of inspiration and important decisions.

This book is awesome. It's extremely well written with a deep but not too deep insight into the practical effects of genetics (like making chocolate flavored broccoli or adding spines to your skin) while also debunking many movie myths about clones (it's really hard to make an exact duplicate without renting out your mother's womb). It manages to be scientifically precise while also maintaining a very fun, almost whimsical feel throughout the entire book. It's possible to finish it in a weekend and you will most likely be tempted to do just that. If you like random science facts mixed with a dash of humor, this is for you.

I was afraid the book would be over my head. It is very funny and they don't take anything for granted. They explain all of the nomenclature in detail so I never found myself wondering what they were writing about. I actually read it twice. Now I just go around waiting for someone to casually bring up cloning so I can pretend like the ideas in this book were mine.

This is a humorous take on the "biotech revolution". The science in it is remarkably accurate (I'm a graduate student studying gene therapy). The authors are very good at breaking down complicated science in a way that is very easy to understand.

This book is written with a delightful sense of humor, yet the authors clearly take the subject seriously. Fun to read, thoughtful, and thought-provoking. Kurpinski and Johnson admit right up front what so many from the highest halls of government on down refuse to recognize; The biotech genie is out of the bottle and he isn't going back in, so we'd better get to thinking about how we are going to handle things, rather than pretend it will all just go away.

Humorous book providing a little information on genetics and related technology. Easy read without much in the way of plot or technical jargon.

Really funny , good gift for a twin

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