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biochemical research, the most intensively hunted biological agent of all time had finally been isolated, identified, synthesized, and put to the test. And it worked. But the discovery of a long-sought "magic bullet" came at an unanticipated cost in the form of strange side effects. This fascinating history recounts the discovery of cortison