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In the 1910s, Dr Haiselden allowed the deaths of six infants he diagnosed as "defectives". His story highlights many other controversies. The book shows how efforts to improve human heredity became linked with euthanasia and shows how mass culture changed the meaning of concepts like "heredity".

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