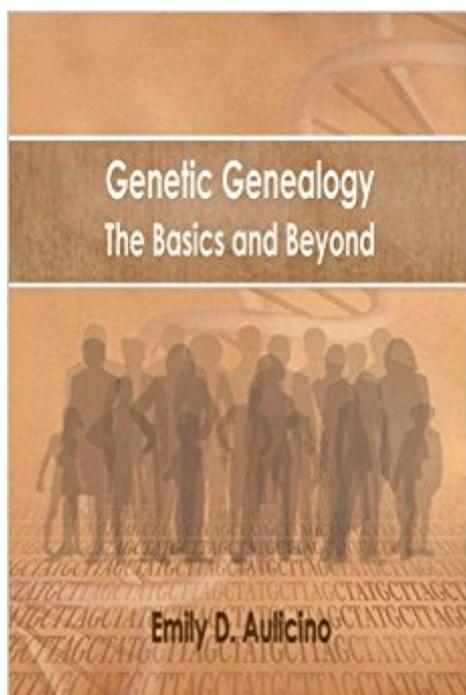


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# Genetic Genealogy: The Basics And Beyond



## Synopsis

Finally, in the rapidly evolving field of genetic genealogy an up-to-date resource is here! A Genetic Genealogy Handbook: The Basics and Beyond provides genealogists with the knowledge and confidence to use DNA testing for family research. The book guides genealogists in understanding various tests and determining what DNA segments came from which ancestor. The book explains how DNA testing helps when written records stop and discusses how testing proves or disproves oral family history. Learn which tests help adoptees; understand why you resemble your relatives and how testing can connect you with cousins you never knew. Discover how to encourage potential cousins to test and learn guidelines for becoming a project administrator, genetic genealogy speaker or facilitator for your genealogical society's DNA interest group. A Genetic Genealogy Handbook: The Basics and Beyond helps experienced and fledgling researchers become genetic genealogists able to use DNA testing to resolve genealogical roadblocks.

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I don't usually write negative reviews, and this one isn't entirely negative. That said, this is a very flawed book and I would hesitate to recommend it, but having read it, I did come away with a number of useful ideas. The problem is in the presentation of technical material, specifically the entire world of DNA testing. First, there are numerous times that the book uses a term that hasn't been defined yet, and then defines it later in the chapter or in a subsequent chapter. Second, if the purpose of the book is to help genealogists understand how to use DNA testing for genealogical purposes, then really, most of the technical discussion is not needed at all! Third, this book needed

a lot more editing, because concepts, statements, and examples are repeated throughout. It's as if the chapters were written months apart as the author thought of topics, and no one went back and read it from beginning to end, excising material already covered. I believe that if the author revisited the concept, she could condense the entire book into the equivalent of a couple chapters and make it more useful, with an appendix for definitions and links to websites. The appendix material was there, with useful links spread throughout the chapters, but really the core of the book should have been about the main tests that are available, some sort of simple matrix about the three main companies that offer these tests along with comparative pricing at the time of writing, and specific examples of how each test was useful in solving a particular genealogical problem. There is an appendix with success stories in the genealogist's own words, but I found them not very compelling.

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