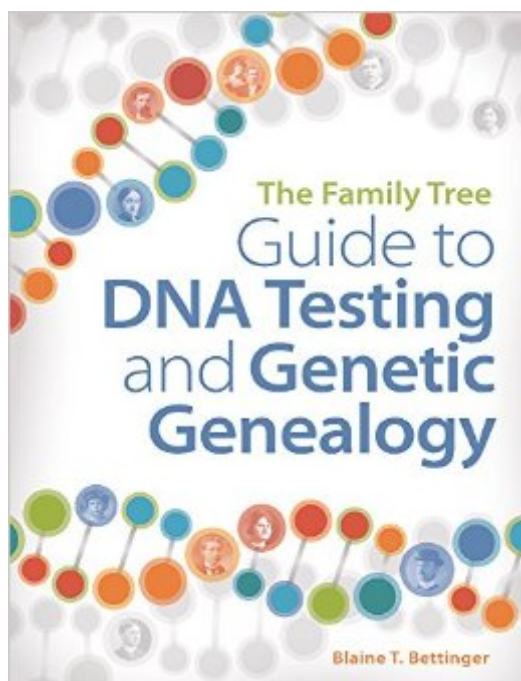# The Family Tree Guide To DNA Testing And Genetic Genealogy

Synopsis

Unlock the secrets in your DNA! Discover the answers to your family history mysteries using the most-cutting edge tool available. This plain-English guide is a one-stop resource for how to use DNA testing for genealogy. Inside, you'll find guidance on what DNA tests are available, plus the methodologies and pros and cons of the three major testing companies and advice on choosing the right test to answer your specific genealogy questions. And once you've taken a DNA test, this guide will demystify the often-overwhelming subject and explain how to interpret DNA test results, including how to understand ethnicity estimates and haplogroup designations, navigate suggested cousin matches, and use third-party tools like GEDmatch to further analyze your data. To give you a holistic view of genetic testing for ancestry, the book also discusses the ethics and future of genetic genealogy, as well as how adoptees and others who know little about their ancestry can especially benefit from DNA testing. The book features:Colorful diagrams and expert definitions that explain key DNA terms and concepts such as haplogroups and DNA inheritance patternsDetailed guides to each of the major kinds of DNA tests and which tests can solve which family mysteries, with case studies showing how each can be usefulInformation about third-party tools you can use to more thoroughly analyze your test results once you've received themTest comparison guides and research forms to help you select the most appropriate DNA test and organize your results and research once you've been testedWhether you've just heard of DNA testing or you've tested at all three major companies, this guide will give you the tools you need to unpuzzle your DNA and discover what it can tell you about your family tree.

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I have several books on the topic, read blogs, read articles, take classes--and here it all is, organized wonderfully, great graphics, excellent information, printed on good paper--an excellent buy--and so much easier to comprehend as you read through it rather than picking up bits and pieces hither, thither and yon.I highly recommend it, am highlighting and flagging it extensively. A MUST purchase.

There are other books out there about DNA testing for genealogy, but this one is head and shoulders above. It presents up to date information for this evolving field, introducing the science of genetic genealogy in easy to understand chapters.The three types of DNA testing are discussed, sorting out the advantages and limitations of each. The author leads you through how to interpret your own results, and how to use available tools to get the most thorough analysis. He discusses ethical issues surrounding "surprises" in your DNA and searching for birth parents. Simple charts illustrate the points he makes.Whether you are a professional genealogist or just curious about your genetic makeup, this book will be an excellent reference source for many years to come.

I have been working with genetic genealogy for five years, and I highly recommend this book! It has everything a beginner needs to know, and has all the topics someone with more experience might need to review now and then. Charts, diagrams, and clear explanations. If you have taken a DNA test and want to get the most from your results, this book will show you how to do that!

While I've taken multiple classes on DNA & genealogy, I don't work with it all the time so I tend to forget things. This book is so great because it starts off very basic - which is a nice review for me - and then 'builds up' to the more complicated stuff. Perfect reference book to give to someone who wants to get started and also great for someone like me who needs reminded of what I've learned.

Excellent Book from cover to cover. This is a MUST HAVE for any genetic genealogist, young older, newbie or experienced. It is graphically colorful, easy to understand, and educational. Everyone who ponders doing a DNA test is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to get this book BEFORE getting genetic results in from any genetic company used. People need to LEARN about genetic basics before getting their results from the testing company, and this book is a great place to begin that journey. Again, I highly recommend this book.Now with saying the above. I do have a position regarding Adoptee's, etc. I am an advocate that the Adoptee's rights to know their birth mother and

father trumps the adoptive parent's rights, or the birth parent(s) rights to privacy, or the State's Interest in restricting that adoptee's right to know who their genetic birth contributing parents are. Absolutely, I am an advocate for OPEN transparent adoption records, and birth record access for ALL adoptee's without restrictions. The State/ agencies restrictions of the adoptee's right, title, and interest to their own ancestral heritage, medical inheritance etc is wrong, and vilifies the adoptee. We have the right, title, and interest in obtaining our original birth certificates, and adoption records.

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