Vaccine: The Controversial Story Of Medicine's Greatest Lifesaver

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Vaccine: the controversial story of medicine's greatest lifesaver. Feb 4, 2007. Yet, as Arthur Allen makes clear in "Vaccine," a timely, fair-minded and crisply written account of "medicine's greatest lifesaver," not everyone joined in the celebration. The book is a reminder of how vaccines have been and continue to be a subject of debate and controversy.

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