



**CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR
2007 PROJECT SUMMARY**

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Project Title Can Reading Make You Sick?	
<p style="text-align: center;">Abstract</p> <p>Objectives/Goals The objective was to find if there is bacteria that can make you sick on the magazines in the hospital lobby. I thought the more popular magazines would have more bacteria that cause disease.</p> <p>Methods/Materials For my experiment I used sterile swabs to swipe the five magazines: Bon Appetit, Time, Sunset, U.S. News, and Better Homes & Gardens. We used blood agar plates to grow the bacteria in a 37 degree celsius incubator then the lab used a gram stain test and microscope to identify what grew.</p> <p>Results After we took out the blood agar plates, it looked like little white dots and that was the bacteria that grew. Some of the plates had mold on it.</p> <p>Conclusions/Discussion My hypothesis was wrong. The bacteria that was found on the magazines was the same bacteria that can be found on any healthy person's hands.</p>	
Summary Statement I tested if there was staff or strep bacteria on magazines in a hospital lobby.	
Help Received Grandmother performed incubating and clinical testing. Dad helped assemble board.	