

# Download Pale Rider The Spanish Flu Of 1918 And How It Changed The World

A century ago this year, a deadly flu pandemic swept the globe. The first cases of the so-called Spanish Flu—named because that's where the early news reports of the disease originated (later ...The Spanish Flu pandemic killed 50 million people worldwide. When I learned that a great-aunt died in the 1918 wave of Spanish Flu, it made me want to learn far more about the epidemic and how it might have affected our ancestors' lives. The Spanish flu emerged as the world was recovering from years of global war. It was to have some surprising and far-reaching effects. There were three waves of the Spanish flu, with two in 1918, and a third in early 1919. "Spanish flu" is something of a misnomer. The countries involved in World War I were reluctant to publicize their own struggles with influenza, lest they be perceived as weak.