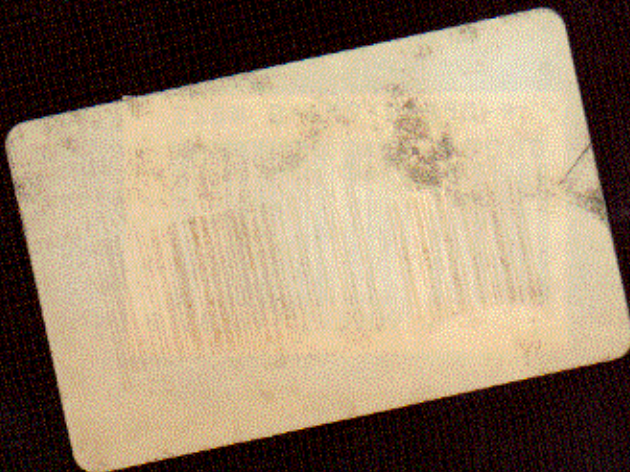


The image on the cover is a false color scanning electron micrograph (SEM) of a macrophage, a phagocytic cell, that recognizes invading microorganisms such as the bacterium in this photo (the green structure). Once ingested by means of phagocytosis, the bacterium is destroyed by mechanisms such as the action of various hydrolases and toxic oxygen products. The image on the spine of the book is a diagrammatic presentation of the same process.



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