

# THE HUMAN CODE

Four billion years ago, life came into being on planet Earth with DNA as the code of life. It has mutated and evolved countless times since then, succeeding by virtue of both its power and simplicity. As our ancestral species continued to evolve, one branch became The Human Code. For the history of humanity, that code was as much a mystery as these pages in front of you: the ultimate riddle, wrapped in a mystery, in an enigma. Understanding this code will be the most complex undertaking that humanity ever faces. Yet doing so paves the path to understanding disease, life, and our very selves. For the first time in history our fingertips can touch that power. We have the choice to understand and the dilemma of whether to change. As ever, scientific discovery generates elation and controversy. We must be informed and prepared in order to make the best choices for society and ourselves. No greater questions have ever faced humankind.