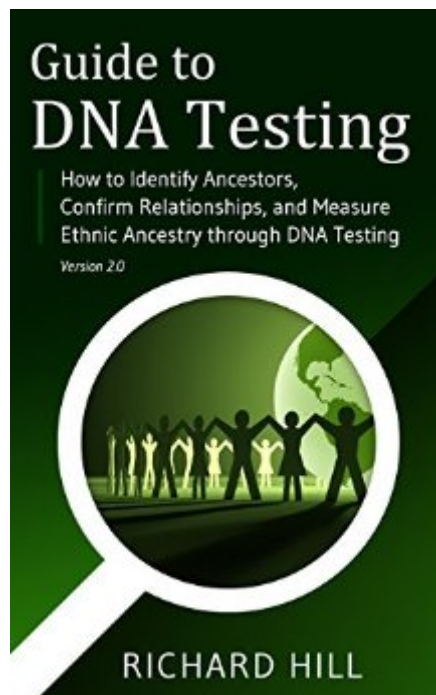


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# Guide To DNA Testing: How To Identify Ancestors, Confirm Relationships, And Measure Ethnic Ancestry Through DNA Testing



## Synopsis

The price of some powerful new genetic genealogy tests has dropped below \$100. Genealogists and adoptees are using them and other DNA tests to identify ancestors, confirm relationships, and measure their ethnicity. Unfortunately, there are many similar sounding tests and some of them have different testing levels. So it's easy to order the wrong test or pay too much. This Guide to DNA Testing provides an easy-to-understand introduction to the different test types, their strengths and limitations. Author and adoptee, Richard Hill, shared his personal success story in his book, "Finding Family: My Search for Roots and the Secrets in My DNA." Now he boils down the basics of genetic genealogy into this concise summary. Learn which tests are right for you. Hyperlinks to specific tests and resources are included.

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Straight to the topic at hand, Mr. Hill gives advice and compares the various DNA tests currently on the market. He plainly presents each test's purpose and uses for individuals seeking information on their family trees. He bypasses the science lesson and simply explains the basics of what each test provides. This is a very brief, yet very helpful, look at those tests, offered by the three top DNA

testing companies, currently available.

I purchased and read Hill's "Finding Family" recently. In my review of the book I said that I found it a delightful read that I could hardly put down until the end, but I complained that there was too little material on DNA testing itself. His "Guide to DNA Testing" fills that gap. It is low-level, introductory material to DNA testing, but it does a great job of answering the basic questions for a person that is contemplating getting into DNA testing themselves. It is only 32 pages long, but the basics are there--along with links to further material at various DNA testing companies. There was one table that was truncated on the right-hand side (though mostly readable). I am using Kindle for the PC, so I don't know if that would be a problem for other Kindle devices.

This is a VERY short eBook, that provides a clear, useful guide to DNA testing for genealogic purposes. It tells you about the types of tests, and the main testing companies. The best part is that it gives you clear recommendations for what's worth buying and not, and what to do first. I was probably expecting a little more -- the title promises quite a bit -- but it's worth a dollar and 20 minutes of your time.

Book's contents cover the basics of DNA testing and should be helpful to anyone not being previously familiar with the subject, but I had hoped for greater insight as to the ramifications of the various analyses that can be made by those with much greater knowledge of the subject than what I have. I've only taken what author describes as 3 most popular DNA tests (FTDNA, Ancestry.comDNA, 23andMeDNA) but I'm not familiar with further more sophisticated comparative testing that sheds more light on the significance of the results, other than simply finding DNA matches, such as Shared Chromosome or Segments, etc., but book still highly recommended as a primer for beginners.

If you're an adoptee or genealogist wanting to identify your unknown family members using DNA testing, start with this brief, no-nonsense guide from testing expert Richard Hill. In less than 15 minutes, you'll know which tests to take, what they can tell you and where to take them. Hill wrote the book on DNA testing for genealogy -- literally. After determining who his biological family members were, he published the award-winning Finding Family: My Search for Roots and the Secrets in My DNA in 2012. This guide condenses all of the knowledge and hard-lessons-learned from his own search into one source, complete with a comparison chart and recommendations (he's

used all of them!). Your investment of pocket change in Hill's "Guide to DNA Testing" will save you hundreds of dollars in unnecessary testing and get you on the fast-track to beginning your own search. (BTW, while you're waiting for your test results, read Finding Family to get inspired! It's a fantastic read!) -- M. Foard, Adoptee

In order to complete my family tree, I needed more definitive information. Not knowing who my paternal grandfather was kept me from completing that part of my lineage. Gossip and innuendo further clouded the issue. I am retired now and I want some information that will support or deny what we think we know. My brother has provided his DNA for autosomal testing and Y37 testing to Family Tree DNA. Hopefully this will put the matter to rest.

There is a vast amount of information about genetic genealogy on the Internet, so much that it can obscure the main principles and overwhelm first-timers. This short book will provide a good foundation and framework for venturing further into the field with more confidence. There are a couple of diagrams where color is mentioned, and these are rendered in gray scale on my (old) Kindle. The Kindle format also truncates a table. Following the link to view the table from comes back with an error message about file formats. The author has provided a direct link to the PDF version on his own website. <http://www.dna-testing-adviser.com/support-files/recommended-genetic-genealogy-tests.pdf>

For the price, this book contains - in layman's language - a good explanation of the different types of ancestry DNA testing available and the strengths and limitations of each. This book would be an excellent place to begin gathering knowledge if you are considering the purchase of any ancestry DNA test.

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