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Reardon, Jenny. **The postgenomic condition: ethics, justice, and knowledge after the genome**. Chicago, 2017. 311p
bibl index ISBN 9780226344553, \$105.00; ISBN 9780226510453 pbk, \$35.00; ISBN 9780226345192 ebook, \$35.00.

This book is a compelling introduction to the interplay between personal genomics, precision medicine, and social justice. Reardon (Science and Justice Research Center, Univ. of California, Santa Cruz) defines the post-genomic condition as "the question of the uses, significance, and value of the human genome sequence." In eight highly readable chapters, she critically assesses numerous concerns, including the relatively brief history of global genomics research with an emphasis on programs and initiatives in the US; how race is an issue in genomics research, both socially and scientifically; and whether genomics research benefits the general populace or predominantly supports researchers and the businesses that have developed to create and promote genomics-based technologies. An extensive bibliography and notes sections for each chapter offer options for further study. The text is written conversationally and with anecdotes, and although it can be a bit dense at times, the historical narrative and ethical questions are a fascinating insight into a rapidly evolving, wide-ranging scientific field with significant sociological implications.

--C. L. Iwema, *University of Pittsburgh*

Summing Up: Recommended. All levels/collections.