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'Will genetic engineering change us all?' asks the blurb on **Genetics**. 'Whatever you think about genetic engineering it's about to affect your future' answers the blurb on **Designer Genes**. These two blurbs set the tone for this tandem - Brookes asks the questions and poses the hypotheses, Gates provides the facts and proves his points.

Always a Gates fan, I find his objectivity and thoroughness most commendable, the more so as it is combined with a highly readable and lively, often humorous style. Relevant contemporary details illustrate most of his examples and the book provides a good end-to-end read which is thoroughly informative. Of the Brookes book, Steve Jones (presumably the professor not the Wigan striker) says 'can't be bettered'. I beg to differ - Gates has done it and Brookes' frenetic approach - whose effect is often marred by silly pictures - does not satisfy the purposive inquirer.

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