

The 'golden age' of genetics that wasn't

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The media marked the publication's 60th anniversary with much fanfare, hailing the breakthrough that "ushered in the age of genetics", and calling it "one of the most important scientific discoveries of all time".

To some extent, they are right.

But, almost from the beginning – and most intensely since 1971, when Time magazine published a special section entitled "The New Genetics: Man into Superman" – science and society alike have tended to overestimate the impact of genetics.

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