History

1876 Robert Koch cultured Bacillus anthracis

Koch & independently Louis Pasteur inoculated animals by *B. anthracis* and caused anthrax in them

1901 Emil von Behring was awarded the first Nobel Prize for "his work on serum therapy, especially its application against diphtheria"

Bordet and Gengou published the first report on the complement fixation reaction, used mainly for the detection of antibodies against viruses

1956 Albert Sabin announces that his live-virus, oral polio vaccine is ready for mass testing

2005 H. Pylori

Recommended textbook

Samaranayke, L.P.: Essential Microbiology for Dentistry, 3rd Ed., Churchill Livingstone, 2006, 372 pp.

And as a supplement

Marsh, P., and Martin, M.V.: Oral Microbiology, 5th Ed., Churchill Livingstone, 2009, 232 pp.

Further recommended literature

Paul de Kruif: Microbe Hunters

Attention! If you are not going to become a microbiologist as I did please read the book with the extreme caution!