

# The Evolution Of Beauty How Darwins Forgotten Theory Of Mate Choice Shapes The Animal World And Us

The Dinka have a connoisseur's appreciation of the patterns and colours of the markings on their cattle. The Japanese tea ceremony is regarded as a performance art. Some cultures produce carving but no drawing; others specialize in poetry. Yet despite the rich variety of artistic expression to be found across many cultures, we all share a deep sense of aesthetic pleasure. The need to create art of some form is found in every human society. In *The Art Instinct*, Denis Dutton explores the idea that this need has an evolutionary basis: how the feelings that we all share when we see a wonderful landscape or a beautiful sunset evolved as a useful adaptation in our hunter-gather ancestors, and have been passed on to us today, manifest in our artistic natures. Why do people indulge in displaying their artistic skills? How can we understand artistic genius? Why do we value art, and what is it for? These questions have long been asked by scholars in the humanities and in literature, but this is the first book to consider the biological basis of this deep human need. This sparking and intelligent book looks at these deep and fundamental questions, and combines the science of evolutionary psychology with aesthetics, to shed new light on longstanding questions about the nature of art.

The beautifully illustrated homage to the art of beer—and the design that makes it stand out The craft beer boom of the last decade has led to an explosion of new breweries. In such a crowded market, how do you make your beer stand out from the crowd? For many of the best brewers, the secret is to have an eye-catching design, something that reflects the quality of the product within and the values of the brewer who made it. Based on the hugely popular blog, *Oh Beautiful Beer* collects the most innovative new labels and logos into a sumptuous full-color book. Each brewery is selected by graphic designer Harvey Shepard, who uses the designs to create a visual history of craft beer. From the Gonzo cartoons of Flying Dog to the playful geometric patterns of Evil Twin to the classic Brooklyn "B," every beer geek will want to own this love letter to the art of beer.

Celebrated makeup artist and the *Today* show beauty editor Bobbie Brown share the secrets that have made her one of the most sought-after names in makeup today. In this straightforward, refreshingly honest guide to makeup, no one "perfect" beauty standard is promoted; Bobbie knows that every woman has her own look, and her mission is to help readers maximize their individual potential. Learn the essential techniques necessary for any woman who wants to look and feel her best--day or night. Learning to appreciate your own beauty How to do makeup fast How to handle bad beauty days How to get out of a makeup rut How to make lipstick last How to wear foundation correctly With *Bobbie Brown Beauty*, women will quickly learn what makes their face unique and how to play up their particular strengths. Never before has a beauty book tackled the pressing concerns of a woman's everyday beauty routine--what every woman, from fifteen to seventy-five, really wants to know.

With insight and wit, Robert J. Richards focuses on the development of evolutionary theories of mind and behavior from their first distinct appearance in the eighteenth century to their controversial state today. Particularly important in the nineteenth century were Charles Darwin's ideas about instinct, reason, and morality, which Richards considers against the background of Darwin's personality, training, scientific and cultural concerns, and intellectual community. Many critics have argued that the Darwinian revolution stripped nature of moral purpose and ethically neutered the human animal. Richards contends, however, that Darwin, Herbert Spencer, and their disciples attempted to reanimate moral life, believing that the

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evolutionary process gave heart to unselfish, altruistic behavior. "Richards's book is now the obvious introduction to the history of ideas about mind and behavior in the nineteenth century."—Mark Ridley, *Times Literary Supplement* "Not since the publication of Michael Ghiselin's *The Triumph of the Darwinian Method* has there been such an ambitious, challenging, and methodologically self-conscious interpretation of the rise and development and evolutionary theories and Darwin's role therein."—John C. Greene, *Science* "His book . . . triumphantly achieves the goal of all great scholarship: it not only informs us, but shows us why becoming thus informed is essential to understanding our own issues and projects."—Daniel C. Dennett, *Philosophy of Science*

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Tiffany Luong shares her magical moments of childhood including eye opening revelations of heart wrenching adventures with her family. Reading this entertaining and inspiring story will awaken your realization of adversity to success. Regardless of your background, obstacles or the courses of life. You can be successful if determined.

A brilliant investigation of why nature is beautiful and how art has influenced science, sure to stimulate readers of *The Art Instinct*.

Bobbi Brown, renowned beauty authority and author of two *New York Times* bestsellers, follows up with her most important book to date, *Bobbi Brown Beauty Evolution*. A celebration of beauty across the generations, this positive-outlook guide for women of all ages reflects, as Bobbi says, "What happens to us as we make our way through life, and how we can continue making ourselves better." In *Bobbi Brown Beauty Evolution*, Bobbi shares her candid views of her own beauty odyssey, as well as her formidable makeup expertise, to help women feel good about themselves at every age. Readers from their twenties to their seventies and beyond will experience a new appreciation of themselves through Bobbi's enriching book, and ultimately, even embrace -- yes, embrace -- the aging process. In the engaging, down-to-earth style that's pure Bobbi, she addresses the need-to-know issues we all face at one time or another -- from how to deal with changes in skin to what adjustments in makeup application are really necessary (and appropriate) as we age and everything in between. With more than 300 photographs specially commissioned for this book, *Bobbi Brown Beauty Evolution* includes the personal, heartfelt thoughts of real women from all walks of life -- all ages (from 20 to 101!), shapes, sizes, and ethnicities -- reflecting on what beauty means to them. Their words serve to underscore Bobbi's message that true beauty isn't something you're blessed with -- "it comes from having confidence and

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feeling good about who you are."

A be-speckled, be-freckled, funny-looking little fellow, named Pete, bewilders his teacher, his classmates, as well as his parents, by his unabashed positive attitude about everything. "Yep, I'm as perfect as I can be. Nothing can upset me, no, no, not me!" It doesn't matter what befalls Pete, or what tries to trump his good nature, he is steadfast in his determination to see things in a positive light. And, how did he acquire this happy point of view? You'll have to read the book to find out.

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Distinguishing "agents" (e.g., molecules, cells, animals, and species) from their interactions (e.g., chemical reactions, immune system responses, sexual reproduction, and evolution), Flake argues that it is the computational properties of interactions that account for much of what we think of as "beautiful" and "interesting." From this basic thesis, Flake explores what he considers to be today's four most interesting computational topics: fractals, chaos, complex systems, and adaptation. Each of the book's parts can be read independently, enabling even the casual reader to understand and work with the basic equations and programs. Yet the parts are bound together by the theme of the computer as a laboratory and a metaphor for understanding the universe. The inspired reader will experiment further with the ideas presented to create fractal landscapes, chaotic systems, artificial life forms, genetic algorithms, and artificial neural networks.

A brief, but, elegant, & interesting story about a young woman, new African American flight attendant, entering the job as a scab breaker, during a strike. Hired on the spot, during an intensive interview and trained in Miami, Florida. She leaves a job from the steel industry wearing a hard hat, work uniform, and steel toed shoes, and takes on the elegance of wearing a flight attendant uniform, graceful cap, and high heel shoes. Flying across the country with a secret plan to make large amounts of money doing the wrong thing. But, somehow, her plan works. She begins a relationship with a secret service agent, he hires her, and keeps her out of trouble, and she becomes one of the largest drug/money carriers in the USA-legally. She has fun. But every plan has a beginning, a middle, and an end.

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This is the third, and final, of three spectacular photo books for children, teenagers, adults, seniors, seniors with Alzheimer's, adults with dementia, disabilities and others who enjoy beautiful photographs of Lepidoptera (moths and butterflies). The books in this series are easy to read, full-color, soft cover, and are printed on a square 8.5" x 8.5" bright white paper stock. Each page shows a vivid, full-color, photograph along

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with a unobtrusive description. Each photograph in this series was selected for its evocation of beauty, calmness and serenity. Photographs of wonderful butterflies and moths, from around the world, found in their natural habitats provide a delightful visual stimuli on every front and back page. While this book does contain text and descriptions, the photos are the main focus. With 159 amazing photos ( 79 pages, front and back) in bright, vivid full-color, almost anyone will find enjoyment reading this book from cover to cover. About butterflies and moths: Butterflies are insects in the clade Rhopalocera from the order Lepidoptera, which also includes moths. Adult butterflies have large, often brightly colored wings, and conspicuous, fluttering flight. The group comprises the large superfamily Papilionoidea, along with two smaller groups, the skippers (superfamily Hesperioidea) and the moth-butterflies (superfamily Hedyloidea). Butterfly fossils date to the Palaeocene, about 56 million years ago. Butterflies have the typical four-stage insect life cycle. Winged adults lay eggs on the food plant on which their larvae, known as caterpillars, will feed. The caterpillars grow, sometimes very rapidly, and when fully developed, pupate in a chrysalis. When metamorphosis is complete, the pupal skin splits, the adult insect climbs out, and after its wings have expanded and dried, it flies off. Some butterflies, especially in the tropics, have several generations in a year, while others have a single generation, and a few in cold locations may take several years to pass through their whole life cycle. Butterflies are often polymorphic, and many species make use of camouflage, mimicry and aposematism to evade their predators. Some, like the monarch and the painted lady, migrate over long distances. Some butterflies have parasitoidal relationships with organisms including protozoans, flies, ants, and other invertebrates, and are predated by vertebrates. Some species are pests because in their larval stages they can damage domestic crops or trees; other species are agents of pollination of some plants, and caterpillars of a few butterflies (e.g., harvesters) eat harmful insects. Culturally, butterflies are a popular motif in the visual and literary arts. This book contains 159 full-color photographs of Lepidoptera.

Feathers are an evolutionary marvel: aerodynamic, insulating, beguiling. They date back more than 100 million years. Yet their story has never been fully told. In *Feathers*, biologist Thor Hanson details a sweeping natural history, as feathers have been used to fly, protect, attract, and adorn through time and place. Applying the research of paleontologists, ornithologists, biologists, engineers, and even art historians, Hanson asks: What are feathers? How did they evolve? What do they mean to us? Engineers call feathers the most efficient insulating material ever discovered, and they are at the root of biology's most enduring debate. They silence the flight of owls and keep penguins dry below the ice. They have decorated queens, jesters, and priests. And they have inked documents from the Constitution to the novels of Jane Austen. *Feathers* is a captivating and beautiful exploration of this most enchanting object.

An illustrated exploration of colors and patterns in the animal kingdom, what they communicate, and how they function in the social life of animals. Are animals able to appreciate what humans refer to as "beauty"? The term scarcely ever appears nowadays in a scientific description of living things, but we humans may nonetheless find the colors, patterns, and songs of animals to be beautiful in apparently the same way that we see beauty in works of art. In *Animal Beauty*, Nobel Prize-winning biologist Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard describes how the colors and patterns displayed by

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animals arise, what they communicate, and how they function in the social life of animals. Watercolor drawings illustrate these amazing instances of animal beauty. Darwin addressed the topic of ornament in his 1871 book *The Descent of Man and Selection in Relation to Sex*, and did not hesitate to engage with criteria of beauty, convinced that animals experienced color and ornament as attractive and agreeable in the same way that we do, and that the role this played in mate choice pointed to a “sexual selection” distinct from natural selection. Nüsslein-Volhard examines key examples of ornament and sexual selection in the animal kingdom and lays the groundwork for biological aesthetics. Noting that color patterns have not been a research priority—perhaps because they appeared to be nonessential luxuries rather than functional necessities—Nüsslein-Volhard looks at recent scientific developments on the topic. In part because of Nüsslein-Volhard's own research on the zebrafish, it is now possible to decipher the molecular genetic mechanisms that lead to production of colors in animal skin and its appendages and control its pattern and distribution.

With insight into science and scientific approaches, *Beauty and Unity in Creation* brings the beauty of nature in focus, putting an Orthodox perspective on scientific exploration. While exploring the subject of evolution from an Orthodox perspective, this book actually locates the place of man in the universe and defines man's relationship with the rest of the living world.

Man enjoys a sublime status because he can achieve that of his creator. Human life can be transcendent if he is elevated from his inferior conduct to superior levels of perfection. Although man cannot reach his ultimate excellence in this finite world, he can unite with his true essence through deeper contemplation, more learning from others' experiences and teachings, and improvement of his behavior, words, and deeds. What I have observed throughout my life on social relations, from animus to self-aggrandizement, racism, and other human annoying vices, has led me to start writing this collection of short stories. This book consists of sections corresponding to human traits. Each of them starts with a story and shows the value of excellence in that special feature and reminds them of human nature. This is followed by well-known poems, sayings, and quotations by prominent Iranian and world scholars, sages, intellectuals, and poets. This is so that readers realize that what can be a value in a community might be an anti-value in another. The stories and allegories presented in each section reflect our experiences and susceptibility with/to a certain trait and belief. I hope that reading these stories, readers get away from their routine self-indulgent life and start contemplating beyond their immediate environment and relationships. It is my hope that we will not take our lives for granted and seek to realize our true worth and unite with our perfect creator. This cannot be achieved unless we attempt to develop sublime traits in every moment of our lives in order to get our soul closer to our God.

An insidious parasite is working its way through the suburbs of Washington, D.C. NITS follows the trail of a virulent outbreak of head lice as it wreaks havoc on the lives of a social climbing mother of a scholarship student, a buff young Latin teacher and a controlling do-gooder who is so consumed with exterminating the pest, people start calling her the "Lice Nazi." A social satire with bite, NITS explores the themes of class, ambition, and the unavoidable interconnectedness of modern life.

Darwin famously proposed that sexual competition and courtship is (or at least was) the driving force of “art” production not only in animals, but also in humans. The present

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book is the first to reveal that Darwin's hypothesis, rather than amounting to a full-blown antidote to the humanist tradition, is actually strongly informed both by classical rhetoric and by English and German philosophical aesthetics, thereby Darwin's theory far richer and more interesting for the understanding of poetry and song. The book also discusses how the three most discussed hypothetical functions of the human arts—competition for attention and (loving) acceptance, social cooperation, and self-enhancement—are not mutually exclusive, but can well be conceived of as different aspects of the same processes of producing and responding to the arts. Finally, reviewing the current state of archeological findings, the book advocates a new hypothesis on the multiple origins of the human arts, posing that they arose as new variants of human behavior, when three ancient and largely independent adaptations—sensory and sexual selection-driven biases regarding visual and auditory beauty, play behavior, and technology—joined forces with, and were transformed by, the human capacities for symbolic cognition and language.

An inspirational and handy book of consciousness and love. Bring it with you on your daily journey for happiness everywhere you go.

The best-selling author of *The God Delusion* and the artist of such award-winning graphic novels as *Wizard* and *Glass* address key scientific questions previously explained by rich mythologies, from the evolution of the first humans and the life cycle of stars to the principles of a rainbow and the origins of the universe. 150,000 first printing.

A history of the clothing, gadgets, and other products that were designed to promote female beauty is a tour of such innovations as hoop skirts, cosmetic surgery, face cream, and more, in a volume that also discusses the contributions of social trends and technological innovation. Original.

Sometimes referred to as 'the grand old man of science', Alfred Russel Wallace (1823-1913) was a naturalist, evolutionary theorist, and friend of Charles Darwin. In this study of tropical flora and fauna, he takes the reader on a tour of the equatorial forest belt - the almost continuous band of forest that stretches around the world between the tropics. There, chameleon-like caterpillars alter the colours of their cocoons, parasitical trees override their hosts with spectacular aerial root systems, and some of the most pressing questions of Victorian evolutionary science arise: how do animals and plants come to be brightly coloured? Can their adaptations provide clues about past geological eras? And was Darwin wholly correct in his theory of sexual selection? First published in 1878, Wallace's book is a skilfully written reflection of contemporary naturalism, still highly readable and relevant to students in the history of science.

*Modern Beauty* explores this shift from historical, scientific and journalistic perspectives, in a title that will not only appeal to industry insiders, but also to all those readers with an interest in feeling well in their own skin - and letting the world know.

Humanity is a part of Nature, yet every thinking person at one time or another asks herself or himself, "How did we get here? What makes me different from the rest of Nature?" In *The Course of Nature* an artist and a scientist ask those questions with full respect for all contexts, both scientific and not. Amy Pollack's figures stand on their own as elegant summaries of one or another aspect of Nature and our place in it. Robert Pollack's one-page essays for each illustration lay out the underlying scientific issues along with the overarching moral context for these issues. Together the authors have created a door into Nature for the non-scientist, and a door into the separate question of what is right, for both the scientist and the rest of us.

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Presents an introduction to evolutionary developmental biology which studies genes and their role in biological diversity and evolution.

Why are the majority of primatologists women? Mary Leakey, Dian Fossey, and Jane Goodall are among the women profiled as Carole Jahme explores the unusual bond between female primatologists and their simian subjects.

A major new look at the evolution of mating decisions in organisms from protozoans to humans. The popular consensus on mate choice has long been that females select mates likely to pass good genes to offspring. In *Mate Choice*, Gil Rosenthal overturns much of this conventional wisdom. Providing the first synthesis of the topic in more than three decades, and drawing from a wide range of fields, including animal behavior, evolutionary biology, social psychology, neuroscience, and economics, Rosenthal argues that "good genes" play a relatively minor role in shaping mate choice decisions and demonstrates how mate choice is influenced by genetic factors, environmental effects, and social interactions. Looking at diverse organisms, from protozoans to humans, Rosenthal explores how factors beyond the hunt for good genes combine to produce an endless array of preferences among species and individuals. He explains how mating decisions originate from structural constraints on perception and from nonsexual functions, and how single organisms benefit or lose from their choices. Both the origin of species and their fusion through hybridization are strongly influenced by direct selection on preferences in sexual and nonsexual contexts. Rosenthal broadens the traditional scope of mate choice research to encompass not just animal behavior and behavioral ecology but also neurobiology, the social sciences, and other areas. Focusing on mate choice mechanisms, rather than the traits they target, *Mate Choice* offers a groundbreaking perspective on the proximate and ultimate forces determining the evolutionary fate of species and populations.

We all want to live a joyful life, sharing our unique gifts, and presenting our best selves to the world. Too often, however, we get bogged down in apathy, anger, and self-defeating thoughts and behaviors. The key to a Balanced Soul is personal exploration, expression, and acceptance. In this enlightening book, licensed psychotherapist Sonia Abel presents 52 easy to use practices that she has learned and used herself; both on her own journey of spiritual and personal growth, as well as with her clients as a transpersonal therapist. Practices such as: *What is Karma Teaching You?*, *Cultivating Compassion for Yourself*, and *Understanding your Shadow* can help you explore and understand yourself so that you can let go of self-defeating behaviors and practice new, more life-affirming ones. "When we actually allow ourselves to feel and respect our feelings, we open up to the cathartic release and insights of healing. We realize that we're going to survive, and spiritual practice helps us believe that we can and will thrive! Transcendent experiences like meditation and reverence for nature give us the gift of knowing that we can rise above (transcend) the limiting beliefs about ourselves, the pain and alienation of everyday life, and become our Best Selves. Transcendent experiences become transcendent beliefs; they take us beyond what we thought was possible." - From the Introduction

PEOPLE HAVE BECOME SO BUSY WITH EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES THAT THEY SELDOM HAVE TIME TO THINK ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT SURROUNDS THEM. THE WORLD IS FULL OF LIFE, EVEN IN THE SEEMINGLY MOST INSIGNIFICANT THINGS. WOULDN'T IT BE WONDERFUL TO JUST SIT BACK AND TRY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LIVING AND BREATHING SPECIES THAT SURROUND US BUT GO UNNOTICED EVERYDAY?

Biology is the science of life, but while many of us may be familiar with the subject, only a few may be aware that biology encompasses much more than just humans and the other species that inhabit the earth. It is, perhaps, the most expansive and interesting subject that you could learn about. You may ask, if it is so expansive, then how would it be possible to learn all the important things there are to know about biology? The answer lies in this book, which would

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teach you all the most significant concepts to make you realize how biology has implications in our past, our present, and yes, even our future. This book is the only one you need to delve into the world of biology. It will teach you, in simple and easy-to-understand terms, how biology comes alive in our daily activities. Here's what this book contains: What exactly does the study of biology include How can biology help us understand our past Which branches of biology is relevant to our present What implications biology has on our future PLUS: Delve into the world of genetics Understand the how and why of human evolution Know the men and women who have spearheaded breakthroughs in biology You won't get information this comprehensive anywhere else! So act right now! GET YOUR COPY TODAY!

The bestselling classic that redefined our view of the relationship between beauty and female identity. In today's world, women have more power, legal recognition, and professional success than ever before. Alongside the evident progress of the women's movement, however, writer and journalist Naomi Wolf is troubled by a different kind of social control, which, she argues, may prove just as restrictive as the traditional image of homemaker and wife. It's the beauty myth, an obsession with physical perfection that traps the modern woman in an endless spiral of hope, self-consciousness, and self-hatred as she tries to fulfill society's impossible definition of "the flawless beauty."

From one of the world's leading authorities on animal behavior, the astonishing story of how the brain drives the evolution of beauty in animals and humans In *A Taste for the Beautiful*, Michael Ryan, one of the world's leading authorities on animal behavior, tells the remarkable story of how he and other scientists have taken up where Darwin left off, transforming our understanding of sexual selection and shedding new light on animal and human behavior. Drawing on cutting-edge science, Ryan explores key questions: Why do animals perceive certain traits as beautiful and others not? Do animals have an inherent sexual aesthetic and, if so, where is it rooted? Ryan argues that the answers lie in the brain—particularly of females, who act as biological puppeteers, spurring the development of beautiful traits in males. Vividly written and filled with fascinating stories, *A Taste for the Beautiful* will change how you think about beauty and attraction in the animal world and beyond.

In the tradition of *Guns, Germs, and Steel* and *Sapiens*, a winner of the Royal Society Prize for Science Books shows how four tools enabled us humans to control the destiny of our species "A wondrous, visionary work"--Tim Flannery, scientist and author of the bestselling *The Weather Makers* What enabled us to go from simple stone tools to smartphones? How did bands of hunter-gatherers evolve into multinational empires? Readers of *Sapiens* will say a cognitive revolution -- a dramatic evolutionary change that altered our brains, turning primitive humans into modern ones -- caused a cultural explosion. In *Transcendence*, Gaia Vince argues instead that modern humans are the product of a nuanced coevolution of our genes, environment, and culture that goes back into deep time. She explains how, through four key elements -- fire, language, beauty, and time -- our species diverged from the evolutionary path of all other animals, unleashing a compounding process that launched us into the Space Age and beyond. Provocative and poetic, *Transcendence* shows how a primate took dominion over nature and turned itself into something marvelous.

The Origin of Species by Charles Darwin must rank as one of the most influential and consequential books ever published, initiating scientific, social and religious ferment ever since its first publication in 1859. Its full title is The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life, in some editions prefaced by the word "On." Darwin describes the book as simply an "abstract" of his ideas, which are more fully fleshed out and supported with detailed examples in his other, more scholarly works (for example, he wrote several long treatises entirely about barnacles). The Origin of Species itself was intended to reach a wider audience and is written in such a way that any reasonably educated and thoughtful reader can follow Darwin's argument that species of animals and plants are not independent creations, fixed for all time, but mutable. Species have been shaped in response to the effects of natural selection, which Darwin compares to the directed or manual selection by human breeders of domesticated animals. The Origin of Species was eagerly taken up by the reading public, and rapidly went through several editions. This Standard Ebooks edition is based on the sixth edition published by John Murray in 1872, generally considered to be the definitive edition with many amendments and updates by Darwin himself. The Origin of Species has never been out of print and continues to be an extremely popular work. Later scientific discoveries such as the breakthrough of DNA sequencing have refined our concept of some of Darwin's ideas and given us a better understanding of issues he found puzzling, but the basic thrust of his theory remains unchallenged. This book is part of the Standard Ebooks project, which produces free public domain ebooks.

This book begins the task of providing a scientific look at physical attraction by presenting an overview of scholarly work on physical beauty, culture, evolution, and other aspects of human attractiveness. It begins by discussing the role of evolution in the development of what it means to be "attractive" in contemporary society. It provides a general overview of evolutionary psychology and mate choice, as well as an in-depth focus on physical characteristics such as physical symmetry, body weight, and ratios, and youthfulness. It goes on to explore the role of societal and cultural ideals of beauty through a discussion of the social psychology of human beauty. Finally, the "morality" of physical attractiveness is examined, looking at issues such as discrimination on the basis of looks, body image and eating disorders, and cosmetic surgery.

(black & white) After swimming with wild dolphins, Adena Tryon began receiving messages from angelic dolphin beings called Stella Maris (Starlights of the Sea). This book shares their light messages, dolphin wisdom, the medicine of the divine feminine, and healing blessings for humanity. Stella Maris first speaks as a collective. They explain the concept of Starseeds and speak of the Stella Maris High Council, which also includes Mother Mary, Quan Yin, and Queen A'Mara. Then, individual Stella Maris members share light messages, healing activations, and scrolls of affirmations. The book concludes with a Beauty Way invitation. Visionary art from Florencia Burton synchronizes with the words of Stella Maris,

creating a truly transformative experience.

The beauty of the human body has found a daring beholder in art historian George Hersey, who for the first time brings modern Darwinian theories of sexual selection into the history of art. Hersey shows how Western art has channeled mate choice, exploiting the cosmetics, clothes, muscles, organs, and ornaments that showcase the body. 146 illustrations.

A FINALIST FOR THE PULITZER PRIZE NAMED A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR BY THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW, SMITHSONIAN, AND WALL STREET JOURNAL A major reimagining of how evolutionary forces work, revealing how mating preferences—what Darwin termed "the taste for the beautiful"—create the extraordinary range of ornament in the animal world. In the great halls of science, dogma holds that Darwin's theory of natural selection explains every branch on the tree of life: which species thrive, which wither away to extinction, and what features each evolves. But can adaptation by natural selection really account for everything we see in nature? Yale University ornithologist Richard Prum—reviving Darwin's own views—thinks not. Deep in tropical jungles around the world are birds with a dizzying array of appearances and mating displays: Club-winged Manakins who sing with their wings, Great Argus Pheasants who dazzle prospective mates with a four-foot-wide cone of feathers covered in golden 3D spheres, Red-capped Manakins who moonwalk. In thirty years of fieldwork, Prum has seen numerous display traits that seem disconnected from, if not outright contrary to, selection for individual survival. To explain this, he dusts off Darwin's long-neglected theory of sexual selection in which the act of choosing a mate for purely aesthetic reasons—for the mere pleasure of it—is an independent engine of evolutionary change. Mate choice can drive ornamental traits from the constraints of adaptive evolution, allowing them to grow ever more elaborate. It also sets the stakes for sexual conflict, in which the sexual autonomy of the female evolves in response to male sexual control. Most crucially, this framework provides important insights into the evolution of human sexuality, particularly the ways in which female preferences have changed male bodies, and even maleness itself, through evolutionary time. The Evolution of Beauty presents a unique scientific vision for how nature's splendor contributes to a more complete understanding of evolution and of ourselves.

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