

Natural History Of Sex

Biology of Sex - Alex Mills

2018-01-01

This text explains the biological aspects of human sex by using direct and intriguing comparisons with the many variations in sexual systems among non-human organisms.

The Human Sexes - Desmond Morris 1997

The author of *Manwatching* and *The Naked Ape* presents a wide-ranging account of human sexual behaviour, from not just a biological viewpoint but also an evolutionary, emotional and social perspective. Taking as his starting point a period in primeval history when the balance of the sexes may have been more equal, he goes on to explore how the biological differences between male and female have been modified, exaggerated and suppressed by cultural influences. The account culminates with a look at the dilemma facing modern

women as they consider their biological inheritance, and examines the causes and possible outcomes of the long-running battle between the sexes.

A Natural History of Homosexuality - Francis Mark Mondimore 1996-10-30

And he focuses on the process by which individuals come to identify themselves as homosexual, the sensitivity of children to their own sexual identities, and the psychological effects of the stigmatization of homosexuality on adolescents.

Evolution and Human Sexual Behavior - Peter B. Gray
2013-04-01

A comprehensive survey of the evolutionary science of human sexual behavior, *Evolution and Human Sexual Behavior* invites us to imagine human sex from the vantage point of our primate cousins, in order to

underscore the role of evolution in shaping all that happens, biologically and behaviorally, when romantic passions are aroused.

Teenagers: A Natural History - David Bainbridge
2010-04-01

During the second decade of human life, the body and brain undergo a profound and complex transformation, with emotions and intellect changing as rapidly and unpredictably as weight and height. These changes can be baffling - to teenagers and to those around them alike - but adolescence plays an important evolutionary role in who we become as adults and there are hard scientific facts behind the spots, the smells and the sexual experimentation, as well as the existential angst, the anger and the irresistible attraction to all the things that are bad for you. In clear, engaging and amiable prose, David Bainbridge explains the strange and wonderful science of the teenage years. And tells us just exactly what teenagers are for.

The Marriage Guide, Or,

Natural History of

Generation - Frederick Hollick
1859

The Natural History of the Crustacea: Reproductive Biology - Rickey Cothran
2020-04-24

This is the sixth volume of a ten-volume series on The Natural History of the Crustacea. The volume synthesizes in nineteen chapters our current understanding of diverse topics in crustacean reproductive biology. In the first part of this book, the chapters address allocation strategies to reproduction, gamete production, brooding behavior, and other components of parental care in crustaceans. The second part of the volume centers on sexual systems in crustaceans. The third section of the volume covers crustacean mating systems and sexual selection. Reproductive Biology ends with three chapters covering diverse topics including reproductive rhythms, crustacean personality research, and

record breaking crustaceans with respect to reproductive characters.

A Natural History of Rape -

Randy Thornhill 2001-02-23

A biologist and an anthropologist use evolutionary biology to explain the causes and inform the prevention of rape. In this controversial book, Randy Thornhill and Craig Palmer use evolutionary biology to explain the causes of rape and to recommend new approaches to its prevention. According to Thornhill and Palmer, evolved adaptation of some sort gives rise to rape; the main evolutionary question is whether rape is an adaptation itself or a by-product of other adaptations. Regardless of the answer, Thornhill and Palmer note, rape circumvents a central feature of women's reproductive strategy: mate choice. This is a primary reason why rape is devastating to its victims, especially young women. Thornhill and Palmer address, and claim to demolish scientifically, many myths about rape bred by social

science theory over the past twenty-five years. The popular contention that rapists are not motivated by sexual desire is, they argue, scientifically inaccurate. Although they argue that rape is biological, Thornhill and Palmer do not view it as inevitable. Their recommendations for rape prevention include teaching young males not to rape, punishing rape more severely, and studying the effectiveness of "chemical castration." They also recommend that young women consider the biological causes of rape when making decisions about dress, appearance, and social activities. Rape could cease to exist, they argue, only in a society knowledgeable about its evolutionary causes. The book includes a useful summary of evolutionary theory and a comparison of evolutionary biology's and social science's explanations of human behavior. The authors argue for the greater explanatory power and practical usefulness of evolutionary biology. The book

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is sure to stir up discussion both on the specific topic of rape and on the larger issues of how we understand and influence human behavior.

Sexual Selection - Malte Andersson 2019-12-31

Bright colors, enlarged fins, feather plumes, song, horns, antlers, and tusks are often highly sex dimorphic. Why have males in many animals evolved more conspicuous ornaments, signals, and weapons than females? How can such traits evolve although they may reduce male survival? Such questions prompted Darwin's perhaps most scientifically controversial idea--the theory of sexual selection. It still challenges researchers today as they try to understand how competition for mates can favor the variety of sex-dimorphic traits. Reviewing theoretical and empirical work in this very active field, Malte Andersson, a leading contributor himself, provides a major up-to-date synthesis of sexual selection. The author describes the theory and its recent development; examines

models, methods, and empirical tests; and identifies many unsolved problems. Among the topics discussed are the selection and evolution of mating preferences; relations between sexual selection and speciation; constraints on sexual selection; and sex differences in signals, body size, and weapons. The rapidly growing study of sexual selection in plants is also reviewed. This volume will interest students, teachers, and researchers in behavioral ecology and evolutionary biology.

The Natural History of H.G. Wells - John Robert Reed 1982

This new study offers a general reassessment of H. G. Wells as a writer and thinker. It concentrates upon the close relationship between Wells' developing philosophy and his literary techniques. The early chapters examine Wells' treatment of such subjects as confinement and escape, sex, the nature of human identity, the relationship of individual to race, human progress, and the importance of education. At the

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same time, they describe the emotional topography that Wells created as a means of vivifying his ideas, a topography constructed from image complexes largely based upon the analogy between individual and racial evolution. The major contribution of the book comes in its later chapters, which deal with Wells' metaphysical assumptions and his approach to his craft. His views on free will and strength of will were intimately related to his methods of literary composition. The important later chapters detail this relationship, while describing some of Wells' characteristic literary devices, such as the intentional violations of certain novelistic conventions or the sly borrowing from and alluding to contemporary works of literature in what amounted to a covert polemic. On the whole, this study argues for a coherent and consistent, though developing, philosophy operating throughout Wells' career and manifested in experimental literary works

which, while not always successful, were consistently inventive and intelligently crafted in the service of Wells' principle aim, the education of the human species to a command of its own destiny.

The Nature of Sex - Dr Carin Bondar 2015-09-10

Thought about sex today? Of course you have! It's about the most natural thing any animal can do. But have you ever wondered how human sex compares to that of other beasts? It's far from merely inserting part A into slot B. The sex lives of our animal cousins are fiendishly difficult, infinitely varied and often violent. They involve razor-sharp penises, murderous cannibals and chemical warfare in an epic battle between the sexes. Join renowned biologist Dr Carin Bondar on a fascinating journey from puberty to old age across the entire animal kingdom - it will forever change your idle daydreams about the nature of sex.

Sex at Dawn - Christopher Ryan 2021-01-05

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The 10th-anniversary edition of the book that radical re-evaluates the origins and nature of human sexuality. Since Darwin's day, we've been told that sexual monogamy comes naturally to our species. Mainstream science — as well as religious and cultural institutions — has maintained that men and women evolved in families in which a man's possessions and protection were exchanged for a woman's fertility and fidelity. In this groundbreaking book, however, Christopher Ryan and Cacilda Jethá argue that human beings evolved in egalitarian groups that shared food, child care, and, often, sexual partners. Weaving together evidence from anthropology, archaeology, primatology, anatomy, and psychosexuality, the authors show how far from human nature monogamy really is. With intelligence and humour, Ryan and Jethá explain how our promiscuous past haunts our contemporary struggles. They explore why many people find long-term fidelity so difficult; why sexual

passion tends to fade even as love deepens; why homosexuality persists in the face of standard evolutionary logic; and what the human body reveals about the prehistoric origins of modern sexuality. Shocking, enlightening, and ultimately inspiring, *Sex at Dawn* offers a revolutionary understanding of why we live and love as we do.
Sex - Joann Ellison Rodgers
 2003-02-11

How much do you really know about sex? In *Sex: A Natural History*, Joann Ellison Rodgers unearths both the roots of our sexual nature and the expression of our primal urges, explaining what it is that makes us male and female, and providing fascinating insights into the biology and physiology of flirtation, love, courtship, intercourse, fidelity, parenting, and nurturing. She describes scientists' discoveries about how the hormone that triggers labor contractions keeps prairie voles faithful to one mate, how the brain waves of female mice change when a male comes within smell range,

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and how Harlequin paperback romances and fantasies can be arousing-and what these findings tell us about our own sexuality. *Sex: A Natural History* illuminates one of the most powerful, and often misunderstood, aspects of human and animal existence. *The Dawn of the Deed* - John A. Long 2012-10-11

Originally published under the title: *Hung like an Argentine Duck: a journey back in time to the origins of sexual intimacy*

The Natural History of Sexuality in Early America - Greta LaFleur 2020-08-04

Ultimately, *The Natural History of Sexuality in Early America* not only rewrites all dominant scholarly narratives of eighteenth-century sexual behavior but poses a major intervention into queer theoretical understandings of the relationship between sex and the subject.

Battle of the Sexes - John Sparks 1999

"This book is published to accompany the television series 'Battle of the Sexes,' broadcast on the Discovery Channel and

produced by the BBC Natural History Unit, Bristol, England"-
-T.p. vers

Battle of the Sexes in the Animal World - John Sparks 1999

Linked to a BBC1 television series, this is an account of sexual reproduction in the animal world, culminating in the question of why there should be sex in the first place - the ultimate driving force of evolution, but also selfish, aggressive, competitive, and sometimes fatal. The meeting of mates, the sexual act, and the consequences of producing offspring, forge an alliance between males and females that is rife with tension and distrust. The two sexes tactically play games with each other to get the best return from mating: at stake is the greatest reward for any animal on earth - the generation and survival of their progeny. The drive to succeed in this gives rise to a violent, beautiful and spectacular show of animal behaviour, captured here through the book's colour photographs.

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Middle Age - David Bainbridge
2012-03-01

“There's lots of good news for the middle aged...A very jolly book with clear scientific explanations.”—The Telegraph
David Bainbridge is a vet with a particular interest in evolutionary zoology—and he has just turned forty. As well as the usual concerns about greying hair, failing eyesight, and goldfish levels of forgetfulness, he finds himself pondering some bigger questions: have I come to the end of my productive life as a human being? And what I am now for? By looking afresh at the latest research from the fields of anthropology, neuroscience, psychology, and reproductive biology, it seems that the answers are surprisingly, reassuringly encouraging. In clear, engaging and amiable prose, Bainbridge explains the science behind the physical, mental and emotional changes men and women experience between the ages of 40 and 60, and reveals the

evolutionary—and personal—benefits of middle age, which is unique to human beings and helps to explain the extraordinary success of our species. Middle Age will change the way you think about midlife, and help turn the crisis into a cause for celebration. “Bainbridge's zoological examination of the human animal results in a study that is full of surprises...Heartening.”—Sunday Times “Thought-provoking. [It] should certainly shed some new light on one's own potbellied or menopausal mid-life crisis...Fascinating.”—Evening Standard

The Marriage Guide -
Frederick Hollick 1850

A Natural History of Sex -
Adrian Forsyth 2001
Surveys the diversity of sexual behavior among plants, animals, and people, while explaining how to analyze and speculate about why a behavior is a certain way and not otherwise

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