

A Natural History Of Sex

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.

Australian Snakes - Richard Shine 1995

Drawing on years of experience and an impressive grasp of the literature, Richard Shine covers the day-to-day lives of snakes, discussing their anatomy, evolution, and habitat, and describing their behavior, sex habits, life history, and diet.

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 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 Marriage Guide - Frederick Hollick 1850

A Natural History of the Brown Mouse Lemur - Sylvia Atsalis 2015-09-30

This text can be used for any undergraduate or graduate course with a primate behavior or primate ecology component. It can also be used as supplemental reading, for any advanced animal behavior class. There are very few books that address the biology of nocturnal primates. There are even fewer that delve with any detail regarding the behavior of specific species. These animals are difficult to follow. Their diminutive size, the thickness of the vegetation, and their nocturnal habits, make the study of their habits a demanding task. Through a trial of patience, Sylvia Atsalis has undertaken this task. Here she provides an in depth view at the life and behavioral patterns of these tiny primates. *A Natural History of the Brown Mouse Lemur* provides the most complete look at the behavior and ecology of mouse lemurs.

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.

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, 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.

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*

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.

[A Natural History of Sex](#) - Adrian Forsyth 1986

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 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.

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.

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

A Natural History of Sex - Adrian Forsyth 1993

Essays exploring reproductive and sexual behavior in the natural world - Forsyth considers a host questions, both obscure and familiar, that reveal the patterns and consequences of animal sexual behavior.

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.

A Natural History of Transition - Callum Angus 2021-04-27

Fiction. Short Stories. LGBTQIA Studies. A NATURAL HISTORY OF TRANSITION is a collection of short stories that disrupts the notion that trans people can only have one transformation. Like the landscape studied over eons, change does not have an expiration date for these trans characters, who grow as tall as buildings, turn into mountains, unravel hometown mysteries, and give birth to cocoons. Portland-based author Callum Angus infuses his work with a mix of alternative history, horror, and a reality heavily dosed with magic. Callum Angus is one of the younger writers I'm most excited by, with a mind full of marvels and an ear to match. Every story surprises; every sentence strives gorgeously toward music. This is writing as transition, as entrancement, as transcendence.--Garth Greenwell

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 Love - Diane Ackerman 2011-06-01

The bestselling author of *A Natural History of the Senses* now explores the allure of adultery, the appeal of aphrodisiacs, and the cult of the kiss. Enchantingly written and stunningly informed, this "audaciously brilliant romp through the world of romantic love" (Washington Post Book World) is the next best thing to love itself.

The Curious Naturalist - John Hanson Mitchell 2003-09-29

Based on a series of articles published in the Massachusetts Audubon Society journal of the same name, *The Curious Naturalist* provides a wealth of crafts, games, activities, and ideas for teaching children about the world of nature - from how mammals survive in winter to how to build an insect cage in summer. Organized by season, skillfully hand-lettered, and illustrated with line drawings, this handbook offers nature lovers, young and old alike, a potpourri of fascinating facts and folklore about common plants, animals, and natural phenomena.

Cannibalism - Bill Schutt 2018-01-30

"Surprising. Impressive. Cannibalism restores my faith in humanity." —Sy Montgomery, *The New York Times Book Review* For centuries scientists have written off cannibalism as a bizarre phenomenon with little biological significance. Its presence in nature was dismissed as a desperate response to starvation or other life-threatening circumstances, and few spent time studying it. A taboo subject in our culture, the behavior was portrayed mostly through horror movies or tabloids sensationalizing the crimes of real-life flesh-eaters. But the true nature of cannibalism--the role it plays in evolution as well as human history--is even more intriguing (and more normal) than the misconceptions we've come to accept as fact. In *Cannibalism: A Perfectly Natural History*, zoologist Bill Schutt sets the record straight, debunking common myths and investigating our new understanding of cannibalism's role in biology, anthropology, and history in the most fascinating account yet written on this complex topic. Schutt takes readers from Arizona's Chiricahua Mountains, where he wades through ponds full of tadpoles devouring their siblings, to the Sierra Nevadas, where he joins researchers who are shedding new light on what happened to the Donner Party--the most infamous episode of cannibalism in American history. He even meets with an expert on the preparation and consumption of human placenta (and, yes, it goes well with Chianti). Bringing together the latest cutting-edge science, Schutt answers questions such as why some amphibians consume their mother's skin; why certain insects bite the heads off their partners after sex; why, up until the end of the twentieth century, Europeans regularly ate human body parts as medical curatives; and how cannibalism might be linked to the extinction of the Neanderthals. He takes us into the future as well, investigating whether, as climate change causes famine, disease, and overcrowding, we may see more outbreaks of cannibalism in many more species--including our own. *Cannibalism* places a perfectly natural occurrence into a vital new context and invites us to explore why it both enthralls and repels us.

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