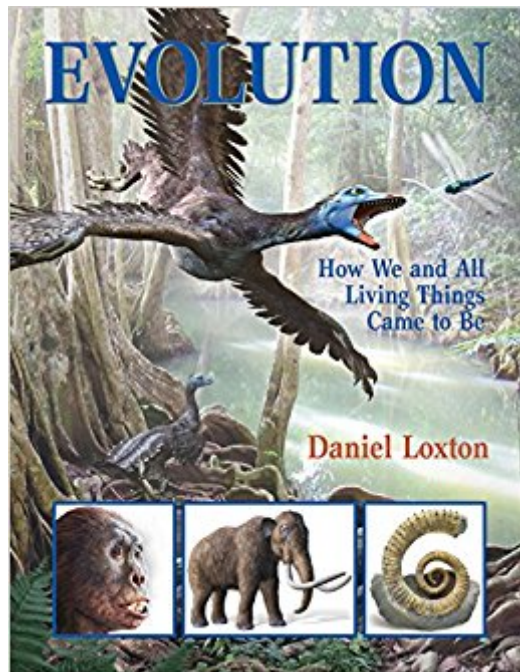




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Evolution: How We And All Living Things Came To Be



Synopsis

Evolution is the process that created the terrible teeth of Tyrannosaurus rex and the complex human brain, clever enough to understand the workings of nature. Young readers will learn how a British naturalist named Charles Darwin studied nature and developed his now-famous concepts of natural selection and survival of the fittest. And how modern-day science has added to our understanding of the theory of evolution. Can something as complex and wondrous as the natural world be explained by a simple theory? The answer is yes, and now Evolution explains how in a way that makes it easy to understand.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 5–8 • Loxton uses a combination of Q & A and exposition in his conversational text to explore the process of evolution. He even makes reference to religion, stating that while science, exemplary in explaining the functionalism of the natural world, "can't tell us what those discoveries mean in a spiritual sense." Topics addressed include whether it is possible to see new species evolve, the evolution of flight, and the dearth of many "transitional" fossils. Other facing-page units discuss evolutionary compromises, Darwinian theory, and the fact that "survival of the fittest" may often be the "survival of the adequate." Colorful illustrations and diagrams appear on

every page, and the book uses a variety of faces/heads with each "question," giving the impression they are asked by individuals. More difficult than Steve Jenkins's *Life on Earth: The Story of Evolution* (Houghton, 2002), almost on par with Robert Winston's *Evolution Revolution* (2009), and simpler than Linda Gamlin's *Evolution* (2009, both DK), this title will appeal to researchers. —Patricia Manning, formerly at Eastchester Public Library, NY (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

This straightforward explanation and defense of the theory of evolution grew out of material published in 2007 in *Junior Skeptic*, the children's section of a quarterly science education and advocacy magazine published in Canada. The author-illustrator, *Junior Skeptic*'s editor, describes evolution as the changes of life on earth over time as shown first through fossil finds and geological layers. Darwin's theory of natural selection explained its workings, and now the process has been demonstrated in a variety of ways. Loxton also discusses convergent evolution, evolutionary compromises, and human ancestry, and he addresses some common concerns. His message is clear: "There is no intelligence — no brain — behind evolution that is running things." Generously illustrated with photographs, cartoons, diagrams, and computer-generated images of ancient creatures, this is attractively designed. But some illustrations are unlabeled: a large ammonite and the reconstructed face of the hominid fossil known as Lucy are identified only on the jacket flap. The additional lack of sources and bibliography make this a useful but flawed resource. Grades 4-7. --Kathleen Isaacs

I bought this for my eleven year old grandson who mentioned that some fellow students, children of biblical literalist parents, had been pushing the idea the earth is 5,000 years old. I told him they were misinformed, talked to him about carbon dating and the overwhelming proof supporting evolution and then ordered this book for him. I looked it over and determined it to be written intelligently and at his level. He read it and gets it. Education is the best defense against ignorance.

My daughter loves this book!

Bought tow copies; one for my grandson and one for my granddaughter. Better than reading them silly stories, don't you think.

Excellent educational tool. Recommended for all ages.

Excellent reading and very educational with great illustrations!

Just what I need to teach my kids the truth

Very well written. Highly recommended for any parents who wish to help their children understand what it means to think scientifically.

Great book for kids. My two boys find it interesting and have many questions (which I am happy to answer).

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