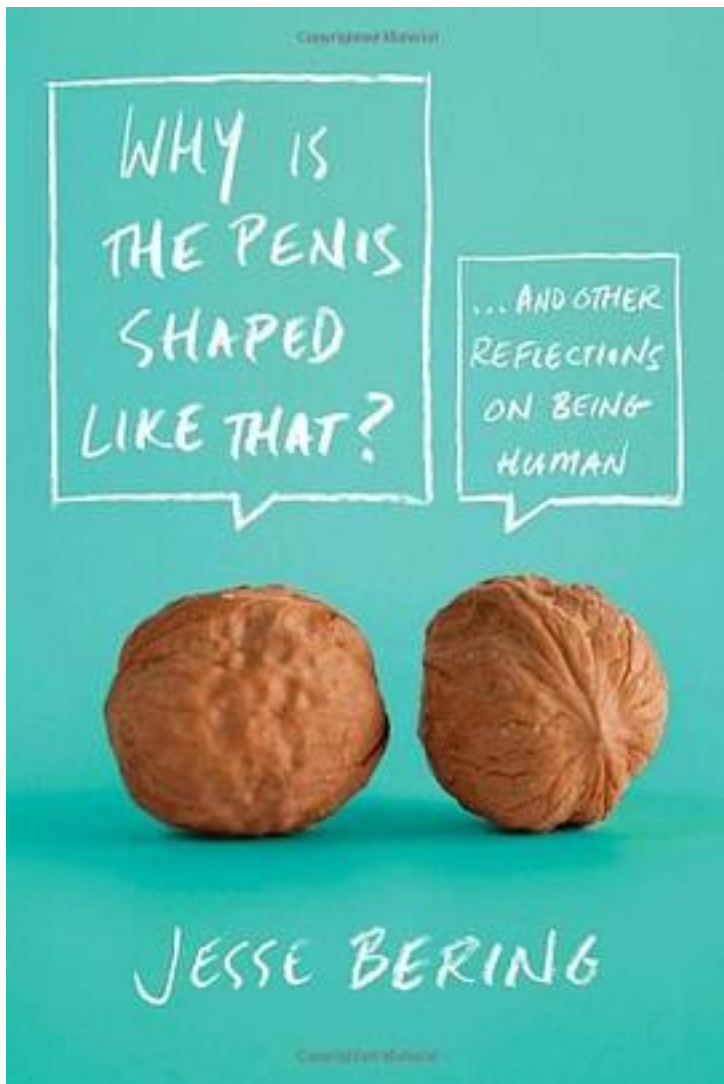


Why Is the Penis Shaped Like That?



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Why do testicles hang the way they do? Is there an adaptive function to the female orgasm? What does it feel like to want to kill yourself? Does "free will" really exist? And why is the penis shaped like that anyway? In "Why Is the Penis Shaped Like That?," the research psychologist and award-winning columnist Jesse Bering features more than thirty of his most popular essays from "Scientific American" and "Slate," as well as three new pieces, that take readers on a bold and captivating journey through some of the most taboo issues related to evolution and human behavior. Exploring the history of cannibalism, the neurology of people who are sexually attracted to animals, the evolution of human body fluids, the science of homosexuality, and serious questions about life and death, Bering astutely covers a generous expanse of our kaleidoscope of quirks and origins.

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超有意思！ 进化心理学+风趣打诨，屌丝必读！

just don't read it.

interesting and informative, Bering is brilliant at translating research into readable and enjoyable narratives

感谢网络上共享电子书的人。文风很棒，是有趣又有料的科普。就是对书中提到的一些研究方法保持怀疑。如“恐同即深柜”那个研究里面.....

书皮好看，内容更好玩

作者是位gay，写得风趣幽默直白。咳咳。可惜没来得及看完

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书评

科学新知类书籍林林总总，而我独对其中的“花边八卦”兴趣最浓，原因无非是人人皆有的八卦心。这部《下流科学》的英文书原名极其吸引眼球，去年7月出版，时隔不到一年后，海峡对岸的出版社就推出了繁体字译本。作者杰西·白令（Jesse Bering）现年38岁，2002年时从佛罗里达...

若說這本書之所以精采，無非是作者寫作的角度來自無神論、同性戀者、心理學者，還兼具演化理論科學。這麼說意味著：他很敢寫。在他的科學文字領域裡，沒有任何事物是神聖不可侵犯的。從男人的小蛋蛋、命根子寫起，到各類性愛現象、戀物癖(物品+動物)、生死議題等，甚至連哲學內...

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