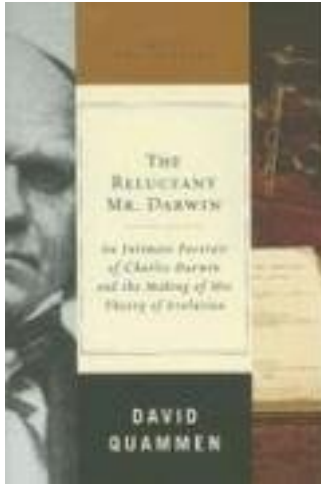


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A fresh look at Darwin's most radical idea, and the mysteriously slow process by which he revealed it.

Evolution, during the early nineteenth century, was an idea in the air. Other thinkers had suggested it, but no one had proposed a cogent explanation for how evolution occurs. Then, in September 1838, a young Englishman named Charles Darwin hit upon the idea that "natural selection" among competing individuals would lead to wondrous adaptations and species diversity. Twenty-one years passed between that epiphany and publication of *On the Origin of Species*. The human drama and scientific basis of Darwin's twenty-one-year delay constitute a fascinating, tangled tale that elucidates the character of a cautious naturalist who initiated an intellectual revolution.

The Reluctant Mr. Darwin is a book for everyone who has ever wondered about who this man was and what he said. Drawing from Darwin's secret "transmutation"

notebooks and his personal letters, David Quammen has sketched a vivid life portrait of the man whose work never ceases to be controversial.

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学校要读的书

达尔文的The Voyage of the Beagle小时候反反复复看过7-8次，被迷死了，那个感觉至今还记得。这本书写了达尔文的post-beagle life..看完这本书终于理解了很多以前不懂的.比如 how CD's crucial ideas germinated from his voyage and the way he adopted to exploit its fruits to supplement information with additional research for his work..这本也是出版社老爷爷赠予。以前提过几句他竟然记得。

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书评

很好玩的书，它说：后代的繁殖能力与父母投入的关注成正比。
以前都觉得是强者生存，现在看来还是说适者生存得好些。
有点叔本华的味道，但是还是觉得世间貌似没有自然科学那么的冰冷无情吧。
大家有机会还是可以好好看下的。

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