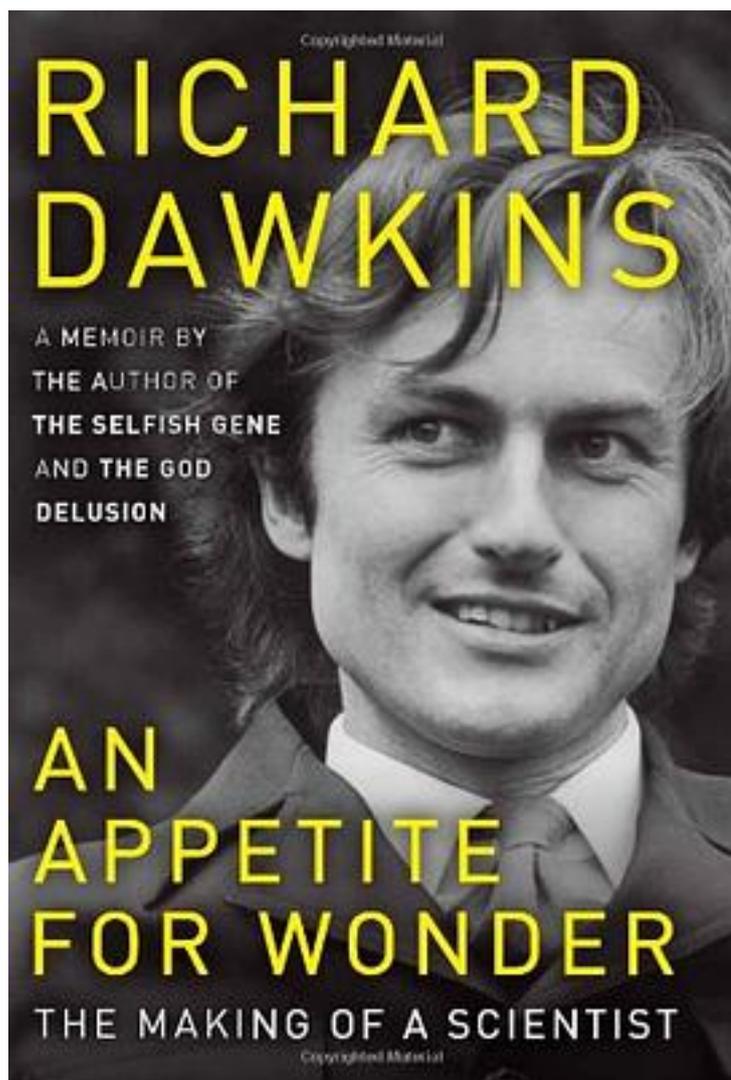


An Appetite for Wonder



[An Appetite for Wonder_下载链接1](#)

著者:Richard Dawkins

出版者:Ecco

出版时间:2013-9-24

装帧:Hardcover

isbn:9780062225795

With the 2006 publication of *The God Delusion*, the name Richard Dawkins became a byword for ruthless skepticism and "brilliant, impassioned, articulate, impolite" debate (San Francisco Chronicle). His first memoir offers a more personal view.

His first book, *The Selfish Gene*, caused a seismic shift in the study of biology by proffering the gene-centered view of evolution. It was also in this book that Dawkins coined the term meme, a unit of cultural evolution, which has itself become a mainstay in contemporary culture.

In *An Appetite for Wonder*, Richard Dawkins shares a rare view into his early life, his intellectual awakening at Oxford, and his path to writing *The Selfish Gene*. He paints a vivid picture of his idyllic childhood in colonial Africa, peppered with sketches of his colorful ancestors, charming parents, and the peculiarities of colonial life right after World War II. At boarding school, despite a near-religious encounter with an Elvis record, he began his career as a skeptic by refusing to kneel for prayer in chapel. Despite some inspired teaching throughout primary and secondary school, it was only when he got to Oxford that his intellectual curiosity took full flight.

Arriving at Oxford in 1959, when undergraduates "left Elvis behind" for Bach or the Modern Jazz Quartet, Dawkins began to study zoology and was introduced to some of the university's legendary mentors as well as its tutorial system. It's to this unique educational system that Dawkins credits his awakening, as it invited young people to become scholars by encouraging them to pose rigorous questions and scour the library for the latest research rather than textbook "teaching to" any kind of test. His career as a fellow and lecturer at Oxford took an unexpected turn when, in 1973, a serious strike in Britain caused prolonged electricity cuts, and he was forced to pause his computer-based research. Provoked by the then widespread misunderstanding of natural selection known as "group selection" and inspired by the work of William Hamilton, Robert Trivers, and John Maynard Smith, he began to write a book he called, jokingly, "my bestseller." It was, of course, *The Selfish Gene*.

Here, for the first time, is an intimate memoir of the childhood and intellectual development of the evolutionary biologist and world-famous atheist, and the story of how he came to write what is widely held to be one of the most important books of the twentieth century.

作者介绍:

Richard Dawkins taught zoology at the University of California at Berkeley and at Oxford University and is now the Charles Simonyi Professor of the Public Understanding of Science at Oxford, a position he has held since 1995. Among his previous books are *The Ancestor's Tale*, *The Selfish Gene*, *The Blind Watchmaker*, *Climbing Mount Improbable*, *Unweaving the Rainbow*, and *A Devil's Chaplain*. Dawkins lives in Oxford with his wife, the actress and artist Lalla Ward.

目录:

[An Appetite for Wonder_下载链接1](#)

标签

科普

传记

英国

理查德·道金斯

回忆录

进化

科学

生物学

评论

190511回望过去。当年自己在寻找成熟的世界观，以便自己走上自认为还算正义且舒适的道路。大三上对道爷、彪马叔的人生观疯狂感兴趣！201310读着看到不少专业名词还是略费力道金斯自传之节目宣传：http://www.richarddawkins.net/news_articles/2013/9/21/richard-dawkins-on-the-daily-show-tue-24-sep-11-00-11-30-pm-edt

Ends at ‘the selfish gene’ , age 35.

Dawkins的回忆录，记述他在非洲的童年，和回英国上学，在牛津任教的经历。确实是牛人，做科研很有想法。

[An Appetite for Wonder_下载链接1](#)

书评

在英国《前景》杂志“2013年全球最重要思想家”评选中，理查德·道金斯名列第一。这位牛津大学教授、英国皇家科学院院士不仅极大地推动了达尔文进化论的发展，他还通过《自私的基因》等一系列著作掀起了一场思维革命。道金斯最重要的代表作《自私的基因》初...

[An Appetite for Wonder_下载链接1](#)