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Aerial Geology Vintage

The arthropods contain more species than any other animal group, but the evolutionary pathways which led to their current diversity are still an issue of controversy. *Arthropod Relationships* provides an overview of our current understanding, responding to the new data arising from sequencing DNA, the discovery of new Cambrian fossils as direct evidence of early arthropod history, and developmental genetics. These new areas of research have stimulated a reconsideration of classical morphology and embryology. *Arthropod Relationships* is the first synthesis of the current debate to emerge: not since the volume edited by Gupta was published

in 1979 has the arthropod phylogeny debate been, considered in this depth and breadth. Leaders in the various branches of arthropod biology have contributed to this volume. Chapters focus progressively from the general issues to the specific problems involving particular groups, and thence to a consideration of embryology and genetics. This wide range of disciplines is drawn on to approach an understanding of arthropod relationships, and to provide the most timely account of arthropod phylogeny. This book should be read by evolutionary biologists, palaeontologists, developmental geneticists and invertebrate zoologists. It

will have a special interest for post-graduate students working in these fields.

Life's Solution Vintage

In his final book, Gould offers a surprising and nuanced study of the complex relationship between our two great ways of knowing: science and the humanities, twin realms of knowledge that have been divided against each other for far too long.

The Mountain Mystery W.

W. Norton & Company

Every fossil tells a story. Best-selling paleontology author Donald R. Prothero describes twenty-five famous, beautifully preserved fossils in a gripping scientific history of life on Earth. Recounting the adventures behind the discovery of these objects and fully interpreting their significance within the larger fossil record, Prothero creates a riveting history of life on our planet. The twenty-five

fossils portrayed in this book catch animals in their evolutionary splendor as they transition from one kind of organism to another. We witness extinct plants and animals of microscopic and immense size and thrilling diversity. We learn about fantastic land and sea creatures that have no match in nature today. Along the way, we encounter such fascinating fossils as the earliest trilobite, *Olenellus*; the giant shark *Carcharocles*; the "fishibian" *Tiktaalik*; the "Frogamander" and the "Turtle on the Half-Shell"; enormous marine reptiles and the biggest dinosaurs known; the first bird, *Archaeopteryx*; the walking whale *Ambulocetus*; the gigantic hornless rhinoceros *Paraceratherium*, the largest land mammal that ever lived; and the *Australopithecus*

nicknamed "Lucy," the oldest human skeleton. We meet the scientists and adventurers who pioneered paleontology and learn about the larger intellectual and social contexts in which their discoveries were made. Finally, we find out where to see these splendid fossils in the world's great museums. Ideal for all who love prehistoric landscapes and delight in the history of science, this book makes a treasured addition to any bookshelf, stoking curiosity in the evolution of life on Earth.

Wonderful Life: The Burgess Shale and the Nature of History W. W.

Norton & Company

"Gould himself is a rare and wonderful animal—a member of the endangered species known as the ruby-throated polymath. . . .

[He] is a leading theorist on large-scale patterns in evolution . . . [and] one of the sharpest and most humane thinkers in the sciences." --David

Quammen, New York Times Book Review

The Mismeasure of Man (Revised and Expanded) JHU Press

Gould shows why a more accurate way of understanding our world is to look at a given subject within its own context, to see it as a part of a spectrum of variation and then to reconceptualize trends as expansion or contraction of this "full house" of variation, and not as the progress or degeneration of an average value, or

single thing. and raised
Fossils of the mountains. There
Burgess Shale W. W. was yet another
Norton & Company idea, the theory
Fifty years ago, no that the world's
one could explain crust was broken
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Arguments about that jostled
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the least. and jarred
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exposing ridges prevailed.
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mountains. Others earthquakes,
were quite sure the ancient ice ages,
planet was even veins of gold
expanding. Growth and fields of oil
widened sea basins are now seen as the

offspring of moving tectonic plates. Just half a century ago, most geologists sternly rejected the idea of drifting continents. But a few intrepid champions of plate tectonics dared to differ. The Mountain Mystery tells their story.

Darwin's Legacy

Penguin

The world's most revered and eloquent interpreter of evolutionary ideas offers here a work of explanatory force unprecedented in our time—a landmark publication, both for its historical sweep and for its scientific vision. With characteristic attention to detail,

Stephen Jay Gould first describes the content and discusses the history and origins of the three core commitments of classical Darwinism: that natural selection works on organisms, not genes or species; that it is almost exclusively the mechanism of adaptive evolutionary change; and that these changes are incremental, not drastic. Next, he examines the three critiques that currently challenge this classic Darwinian edifice: that selection operates on multiple levels, from the gene to the group; that evolution proceeds by a variety of mechanisms, not just natural selection; and that causes operating at broader scales, including

catastrophes, have figured prominently in the course of evolution. Then, in a stunning tour de force that will likely stimulate discussion and debate for decades, Gould proposes his own system for integrating these classical commitments and contemporary critiques into a new structure of evolutionary thought. In 2001 the Library of Congress named Stephen Jay Gould one of America's eighty-three Living Legends—people who embody the “quintessentially American ideal of individual creativity, conviction, dedication, and exuberance.” Each of these qualities finds full expression in this peerless work, the likes of which the

scientific world has not seen—and may not see again—for well over a century. *A Series of Fortunate Events* Columbia University Press Darwin made a powerful argument for evolution in the *Origin of Species*, based on all the evidence available to him. But a few things puzzled him. One was how inheritance works - he did not know about genes. This book concerns another of Darwin's Dilemmas, and the efforts of modern palaeontologists to solve it. What puzzled Darwin is that the most very ancient rocks, before the Cambrian, seemed to be barren, when he would expect them to be teeming with life. Darwin speculated that this was probably because the fossils

had not been found yet. million years ago to
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enigmatic, and combines the account
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evolution drastically with engaging and
and produce many of amusing anecdotes from
the early forms of his expeditions to
animals we know today. Siberia, Outer
In this book, Martin Mongolia, Barbuda, and
Brasier, a leading other places, giving a
palaeontologist vivid impression of
working on early life, the people, places,
takes us into the and challenges
deep, dark ages of the involved in such work.
Precambrian to explore He ends by presenting
Darwin's Lost World. his own take on the
Decoding the evidence Cambrian Explosion,
in these ancient based on the picture
rocks, piecing emerging from this
together the puzzle of very active field of
what happened over 540 research. A vital clue

involves worms -
burrowing worms are
one of the key signs
of the start of the
Cambrian. This is
fitting: Darwin was
inordinately fond of
worms.

The Panda's Thumb
Harvard University
Press

The Cambrian Period
records one of the
most extraordinary
transitions in the
history of life.
Although animals may
have first appeared
nearly 700 million
years ago, with the
earliest sponges,
their initial
diversifications
appear to have been
modest until a
richly diverse
fossil fauna
appeared abruptly
about 170 million
years later. In *The
Cambrian Explosion*,

Erwin and Valentine
synthesize research
from many fields to
explain why there was
such remarkable
novelty of animal
forms.

*Eight Little Piggies:
Reflections in Natural
History* W. W. Norton &
Company

Lively and
fascinating. . . .

Gould] writes
beautifully about
science and the
wonders of nature.

Tracy Kidder
Life W. W. Norton &
Company

In 1972 Stephen Jay
Gould took the
scientific world by
storm with his paper
on punctuated
equilibrium.

Challenging a core
assumption of Darwin's
theory of evolution,
it launched the
controversial idea
that the majority of

species originates in geological moments (punctuations) and persists in stasis. Now, thirty-five years later, Punctuated Equilibrium offers his only book-length testament on a theory he fiercely promoted, repeatedly refined, and tirelessly defended.

Scientific

Metaphysics

Springer Science & Business Media
With his customary brilliance, Gould examines the puzzles and paradoxes great and small that build nature's and humanity's diversity and order.

Bully for

Brontosaurus:

Reflections in Natural

History Harvard University Press
The definitive refutation to the argument of The Bell Curve. When published in 1981, The Mismeasure of Man was immediately hailed as a masterwork, the ringing answer to those who would classify people, rank them according to their supposed genetic gifts and limits. And yet the idea of innate limits—of biology as destiny—dies hard, as witness the attention devoted to The Bell Curve, whose arguments are here so effectively anticipated and thoroughly undermined by Stephen Jay Gould. In this edition Dr. Gould has written a substantial new introduction telling how and why he wrote the book and tracing

the subsequent history of the controversy on innateness right through The Bell Curve. Further, he has added five essays on questions of The Bell Curve in particular and on race, racism, and biological determinism in general. These additions strengthen the book's claim to be, as Leo J. Kamin of Princeton University has said, "a major contribution toward deflating pseudo-biological 'explanations' of our present social woes." *Weird Dinosaurs* Cambridge University Press

With Trilobite, Richard Fortey, paleontologist and author of the acclaimed *Life*, offers a marvelously written, smart and compelling, accessible and witty scientific narrative of the most ubiquitous of fossil creatures. Trilobites were shelled animals that lived in the oceans over five hundred million years ago. As bewilderingly diverse then as the beetle is today, they survived in the arctic or the tropics, were spiky or smooth, were large as lobsters or small as fleas. And because they flourished for three hundred million years, they can be used to glimpse a less evolved world of ancient continents and vanished oceans. Erudite and entertaining, this book is a uniquely exuberant homage to a fabulously singular species.

The Great Devonian Controversy W. W. Norton & Company

By one of Britain's the young planet,
most gifted the appearance of
scientists: a cells, the slow
magnificently creation of an
daring and atmosphere and the
compulsively evolution of myriad
readable account of forms of plants and
life on Earth (from animals that could
the "big bang" to then be sustained,
the advent of man), including the
based entirely on magnificent era of
the most original the dinosaurs, and
of all sources--the on to the last
evidence of moment before the
fossils. With debut of Homo
excitement and sapiens. Ranging
driving across multiple
intelligence, scientific
Richard Fortey disciplines,
guides us from the explicating in
barren globe wonderfully clear
spinning in space, and refreshing
through the very prose their
earliest signs of findings and
life in the arguments--about
sulphurous hot the origins of
springs and life, the causes of
volcanic vents of species extinctions

and the first appearance of man--Fortey weaves this history out of the most delicate tracers left in rock, stone and earth. He also explains how, on each aspect of nature and life, scientists have reached the understanding we have today, who made the key discoveries, who their opponents were and why certain ideas won. Brimful of wit, fascinating personal experience and high scholarship, this book may well be our best introduction yet to

the complex history of life on Earth. A Book-of-the-Month Club Main Selection With 32 pages of photographs
Hen's Teeth and Horse's Toes
Smithsonian
An essential resource for paleontologists, biologists, geologists, and teachers, *The Rise of Animals* is the best single reference on one of earth's most significant events.
Trilobite W. W. Norton & Company
"[An] extraordinary book. . . . Mr. Gould is an exceptional combination of scientist and science writer. . . . He is thus exceptionally well placed to tell

these stories, and he tells them with fervor and intelligence."—James Gleick, New York Times Book Review

High in the Canadian Rockies is a small limestone quarry formed 530 million years ago called the Burgess Shale. It holds the remains of an ancient sea where dozens of strange creatures lived—a forgotten corner of evolution preserved in awesome detail. In this book Stephen Jay Gould explores what the Burgess Shale tells us about evolution and the nature of history.

Punctuated Equilibrium Harvard University Press

This publication, designed for the public, describes the discovery of the Burgess shale, recent work on its formation, and the flora and fauna found in it. The major animal groups are described and illustrated. The scientific significance of the shale is explained.

The Rise of Animals Columbia University Press

Gould's final essay collection is based on his remarkable series for Natural History magazine—exactly 300 consecutive essays, with never a month missed, published from 1974 to 2001. Both an intellectually

thrilling journey into the nature of scientific discovery and the most personal book he ever published.

The Crucible of Creation

HarperCollins
Publishers

"There is no scientist today whose books I look forward to reading with greater anticipation of enjoyment and enlightenment than Stephen Jay Gould."—Martin Gardner Among scientists who write, no one illuminates as well as Stephen Jay Gould does the wonderful workings of the natural world. Now in a new volume of collected essays—his

sixth since *Ever Since Darwin*—Gould speaks of the importance of unbroken connections within our own lives and to our ancestral generations. Along the way, he opens to us the mysteries of fish tails, frog calls, and other matters, and shows once and for all why we must take notice when a seemingly insignificant creature is threatened, like the land snail *Partula* from Moorea, whose extinction he movingly relates.