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An anthropologist and an anatomist have combined their skills in this book to provide students and research workers with the essentials of anatomy and the means to apply these to investigations into hominid form and function. Using basic principles and relevant bones, conclusions can be reached regarding the probable musculature, stance, brain size,

age, weight, and sex of a particular fossil specimen. The sort of deductions which are possible are illustrated by reference back to contemporary apes and humans, and a coherent picture of the history of hominid evolution appears. Written in a clear and concise style and beautifully illustrated, *An Introduction to Human Evolutionary Anatomy* is a basic reference for all concerned with human evolution as well as a valuable companion to both laboratory practical sessions and new research using fossil skeletons.
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Academic Press

When future intellectual historians list the books that toppled Darwin's theory, *The Design of Life* will be at the top. So writes Lehigh biochemist Michael Behe, a leading critic of Darwinism and proponent of intelligent design. The scientific community continues to wrestle with deep and fundamental questions: Where did the universe come from? How did life originate? How did a coded language like our DNA come to form the basis of life? How could multicellular life form so suddenly from unicellular life? What is the origin of the complex molecular machines, essential to life, which are inside every cell

of our bodies? The Design of Life gives all interested parties in the debate over biological origins the hard scientific evidence they need to assess the true state of Darwin's theory and of the theory of intelligent design. But it does much more: it carefully fosters the attitude of open inquiry that science needs not only to thrive but also to avoid becoming subservient to special interests. In this book, authors William Dembski and Jonathan Wells empower readers to navigate the captivating and controversial waters of biological origins. The Design of Life has nine chapters, each of which is accompanied by Endnotes and Discussion Questions. The ninth, an Epilogue, is followed by a 12-page Glossary and a 14-page Index. The General Notes on an accompanying CD supply each chapter with additional analysis and discussion at a more advanced level. A Foreword by University of South Dakota biologist William S. Harris introduces the book. Chapter 1 Human Origins. This chapter addresses key topics in human origins - the 98% gene identity (base sequences) between chimpanzees and humans, the significance of brain size to intelligence,

the uniqueness of human language, and the challenge that altruism poses to evolutionary ethics. Chapter 2 Genetics and Macroevolution. This chapter examines Darwin's theory of evolution, Mendelian inheritance, the adaptational package, the molecular basis for genes and evolution, and evolutionary developmental biology (Evo-Devo). Chapter 3 The Fossil Record. This chapter examines major patterns in the fossil record, the failure of Darwin's theory to match up with these patterns (a failure Darwin himself regarded as the gravest objection to his theory), and why fossils alone cannot establish evolutionary lines of descent. Chapter 4 The Origin of Species. This chapter describes theories about how new species originate. It explains the critical distinction between evidence for small changes and claims about vast transformations (micro- vs. macroevolution), It also explains why the current examples of alleged new species (observed speciation) provide no evidence for macroevolution. Chapter 5 Similar Features. This chapter discusses analogy and homology do things look alike because they do the same job, like

scissors, or because they are related, like siblings? The puzzling story of the pandas provides a useful illustration. It also looks at molecular phylogeny, vestigial structures, and the discredited story of recapitulation. Chapter 6 Irreducible Complexity. This chapter discusses biochemist Michael Behe's concept of irreducible complexity and then applies it to molecular machines inside the cell, such as the bacterial flagellum. Conventional evolutionary explanations (coevolution and co-option) are contrasted with intelligent design explanations, which are seen as more powerful and scientifically fruitful. Chapter 7 Specified Complexity. This chapter characterizes specified complexity as an information-theoretic property of structures that places them beyond the reach of chance-based explanations (such as natural selection and random variation). It then applies the theory of specified complexity to biological systems, demonstrating their actual design. Chapter 8 The Origin of Life. This chapter describes why the origin of life is such a difficult problem and examines the main materialistic proposals (Oparin's Hypothesis, the Miller-Urey

experiment, the RNA world, self-organization, molecular Darwinism). It summarizes the failure to find a non-intelligent origin. Chapter 9 Epilogue: The Inherit the Wind Stereotype. The Epilogue examines key social interpretations of the issues: The movie Inherit the Wind (Hollywood's stereotype of the Scopes Monkey Trial), the actual Scopes Trial, the importance of keeping science honest, and the 2005 Kitzmiller v. Dover trial.

Extinctions in the History of Life National Academies Press

Rereading the Fossil Record presents the first-ever historical account of the origin, rise, and importance of paleobiology, from the mid-nineteenth century to the late 1980s. Drawing on a wealth of archival material, David Sepkoski shows how the movement was conceived and promoted by a small but influential group of paleontologists and examines the intellectual, disciplinary, and political dynamics involved in the ascendancy of paleobiology. By tracing the role of computer technology, large databases, and quantitative analytical methods in the emergence of paleobiology, this book also offers insight into the growing prominence

and centrality of data-driven approaches in recent science.

Darwin's "Missing" Fossil Record Waveland Press Inc

Earth's Evolving Systems: The History of Planet Earth, Second Edition is an introductory text designed for popular courses in undergraduate Earth history. Written from a "systems perspective," it provides coverage of the lithosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere, and discussion of how those systems interacted over the course of geologic time.

(Best Friends Books for Kids, Elementary School Books, Early Chapter Books) New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science

This volume addresses major evolutionary changes that took place during the Mesozoic and the Cenozoic. These include discussions on major evolutionary radiations and ecological innovations on land and at sea, such as the Mesozoic marine revolution, the Mesozoic radiation of vertebrates, the Mesozoic lacustrine revolution, the Cenozoic radiation of mammals, the evolution of paleosol biotas, and the evolution of hominins. The roles of

mass extinctions at the end of the Triassic and at the end of the Cretaceous are assessed. This volume set provides innovative reviews of the major evolutionary events in the history of life from an ichnologic perspective. Because the long temporal range of trace fossils has been commonly emphasized, biogenic structures have been traditionally overlooked in macroevolution. However, comparisons of ichnofaunas through geologic time do reveal the changing ecology of organism-substrate interactions. The use of trace fossils in evolutionary paleoecology represents a new trend that is opening a window for our understanding of major evolutionary radiations and mass extinctions. Trace fossils provide crucial evidence for the recognition of spatial and temporal patterns and processes associated with paleoecologic breakthroughs.

Evolutionary Radiations in the Fossil Record Springer

When Darwin wrote his Origin of Species, one of his main concerns was with the perceived shortness of the fossil record of life. Until the work of J. William Schopf and his colleagues, much of this history was

thought to be unknowable. This book, through a memoir of Schopf's personal recollections, documents astonishing discoveries revealing the first 85% of the history of life. These earliest periods of life on Earth emerge as a tale of individual and internationally collaborative exploration told by a scholar whose 60 years of research contributed to the recognition of the richness and diversity which forms the foundation of today's biodiversity. Key Features Documents, through personal narrative, a paradigm shift is the study of the earliest life Summarizes a fossil record largely unknown until relatively recently Addresses one of Darwin's most troubling concerns about his theory of natural selection Predicts future developments in the study of first life

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Why and How: Some Problems and Methods in Historical Biology discusses an overall approach to the study of fossils combined with paleontology. This book is divided into six chapters. Chapter 1 consists of a few examples of studies of the fossil record, focusing on its adequacy,

and ways of looking at and representing some of its aspects. The most basic aspects of study of the fossil record such as the examination, description, and illustration of the morphology of fossils are described in Chapter 2. Chapter 3 focuses on paleoecology and faunal analysis, while Chapter 4 emphasizes some of the aspects of phylogenetic principles and eclectic taxonomic theory. The essential apparatus for zoological studies that include biometrical statistics both in concepts and in measures are deliberated in Chapter 5. The last chapter deliberates the geographic distribution of organisms. This publication is a good source for paleontologists and biologists interested in historical biology.

The Design of Life John Wiley & Sons
Patterns of evolution, as illustrated by the fossil record

Concepts of Biology University of Chicago Press

Although fossils have provided some of the most important evidence for evolution, the discipline of paleontology has not always had a central place in evolutionary biology. Beginning in Darwin's day, and for much of the twentieth century,

paleontologists were often regarded as mere fossil collectors by many evolutionary biologists, their attempts to contribute to evolutionary theory ignored or regarded with scorn. In the 1950s, however, paleontologists began mounting a counter-movement that insisted on the valid, important, and original contribution of paleontology to evolutionary theory. This movement, called "paleobiology" by its proponents, advocated for an approach to the fossil record that was theoretical, quantitative, and oriented towards explaining the broad patterns of evolution and extinction in the history of life. Rereading the Fossil Record provides, as never before, a historical account of the origin, rise, and importance of paleobiology, from the mid-nineteenth century to the late 1980s. Drawing on a wealth of archival material, David Sepkoski shows how the movement was conceived and promoted by a small but influential group of paleontologists—including Stephen Jay Gould and Niles Eldredge, among others—and examines the intellectual, disciplinary, and political dynamics involved in the ascendancy of

paleobiology. By emphasizing the close relationship between paleobiology and other evolutionary disciplines, this book writes a new chapter in the history of evolutionary biology, while also offering insights into the dynamics of disciplinary change in modern science.

Systematics and the Fossil Record

University of Chicago Press

The Biology of Crustacea

Events of Increased Biodiversity Wiley-Liss

This textbook introduces research on dinosaurs by describing the science behind how we know what we know about dinosaurs. A wide range of topics is covered, from fossils and taphonomy to dinosaur physiology, evolution, and extinction. In addition, sedimentology, paleo-tectonics, and non-dinosaurian Mesozoic life are discussed. There is a special opportunity to capitalize on the enthusiasm for dinosaurs that students bring to classrooms to foster a deeper engagement in all sciences. Students are encouraged to synthesize information, employ critical thinking, construct hypotheses, devise methods to test these hypotheses, and come to new defensible conclusions, just as paleontologists do.

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and other anthropogenic impacts on the environment such as natural habitat destruction driven by urbanization, deforestation, agriculture, pollution, overconsumption of natural resources, and climate change. Understanding how species are influenced by - and respond to - various changes in their environment is critical for predicting and mitigating future biodiversity loss. These predictions are challenging, however, because humans have been heavily modifying ecosystems for centuries - well before the advent of modern ecology as a field of study. Disentangling species responses to naturally occurring changes in their environment versus anthropogenic changes is thus extremely challenging. Paleoecological studies of fossil organisms can help establish the baseline responses of biota to natural environmental changes at times before humans dominated terrestrial ecosystems. However, these studies have their own set of challenges. For example, it can be difficult to determine how representative a preserved fossil community is of the original living community because the fossil record is inherently incomplete and often biased. It

is also difficult to quantify species-specific responses to environmental change if the identity of species is unknown or imprecise; and due to the fragmentary nature of the fossil record, it can be difficult to identify isolated elements to species. The incompleteness of the fossil record does not only apply to the organisms preserved, but also to the environmental data documenting the contexts in which they operated while alive and during preservation. Most paleontological assemblages are affected by time-averaging and incomplete depositional sequences to some degree. Depending on the severity of time averaging, and the resolution of data collected, these temporal gaps can erase fine-scale and geologically rapid events that are important for understanding ecological patterns and processes. These unique opportunities and challenges of working with paleoecological data are what motivate my research. Within the scope of my dissertation, my goals are twofold. Foremost, I strive to quantify long-term biotic composition, diversity, and trait changes in response to pre-anthropogenic environmental change at

population and community levels to establish baselines of organismal responses to natural ecosystem perturbations. However, to accomplish this, it is first necessary to quantify the strengths and limitations of paleontological data in these systems and maximize data resolution to mitigate erroneous interpretations. The main data types I focus on improving here are those of taxonomic fidelity and age control. The first three chapters of my dissertation focus on the former, using morphometric techniques to improve identification accuracy of closely related and morphologically similar species, thus extending paleoecological data resolution from genus to species for several taxa. The last two chapters of my dissertation focus on the latter, examining paleoecological data at various levels of temporal precision using a combination of radiocarbon-dated and time-averaged data to determine how analytical results and conclusions are affected by time-averaging. Once these limitations have been quantified and mitigated to the extent possible, I determine how the focal taxa of my study system were impacted

by long-term environmental changes using multidisciplinary approaches. Chapter 3 focuses on intraspecific phenotypic responses to climate change using geometric morphometrics, Chapter 4 evaluates long-term changes in biotic community structure using diversity and trait metrics, and Chapter 5 quantifies the relative impacts of climate and biotic interactions on species niches over the last 50,000 years using stable isotope analysis. My study system for addressing all these topics is Rancho La Brea (RLB), a world renowned late Quaternary paleontological locality in Los Angeles, California, USA. I specifically examine the small mammals (e.g., rodents, lagomorphs, and soricomorphs) of this locality because they are ubiquitous across most Quaternary fossil assemblages, thus facilitating large sample sizes. In addition, small mammals are generally short lived and confined to small home ranges, so I am relatively certain that the paleoecological signals I track within samples are local and geologically instantaneous rather than substantially spatially or temporally averaged. Results of the three taxonomic

studies indicate that, although closely related and speciose small mammals are difficult to differentiate due to morphological variation and overlap, they can be identified to species with relatively good accuracy, usually > 80%, using quantitative techniques including morphometric and geometric morphometric measurements and statistical grouping analyses (Chapters 1-3). However, results can deviate considerably if data acquisition processes are not standardized. For example, geometric morphometric data collected by different personnel and, to a lesser extent, with different instruments can generate substantially different classification statistics (Chapter 2). It is therefore recommended that data acquisition procedures are standardized as much as possible to facilitate analytical replicability. Comparisons of time-averaged trait datasets (Chapters 4 and 5) to those with good age control (Chapter 5) further show that much information can be lost from geologically rapid events when data is time-averaged or time-binned versus continuous data. Such loss of information can then result in profoundly

different interpretations regarding the probable drivers of observed paleoecological patterns (Chapter 5). With these insights and limitations in mind, I show that local environments of RLB during the last glacial period (specifically Marine Isotope Stage (MIS) 3, ~60,000 to 29,000 years BP) were generally similar to that of the Los Angeles Basin today based on overall similarities between contemporary and fossil small mammal faunas (Chapter 4). Changes in taxonomic abundances and trait diversity among deposits of different mean ages suggest that the small mammal communities of RLB were responding to slight or moderate changes in temperature and precipitation during that time (Chapter 4). Unfortunately, precise information on the timing and pattern of environmental changes cannot be discerned at the community level due to the time-averaged nature of the deposits and faunas examined, combined with the variable climates during MIS 3. By subsequently examining the isotopic niches of individually-dated specimens, however, it becomes clear that geologically rapid environmental changes were occurring at

RLB throughout the late Quaternary that largely reflect regional climate patterns (Chapter 5). Further, the isotopic niches of small mammals appear to be shaped more strongly by those climatic oscillations than by biotic interactions over the last 50,000 years. Insights on the paleoenvironments of RLB (Chapter 4) and climatic changes that likely occurred there during the late Quaternary (Chapter 5) have significant implications for studies of other RLB biota in that species responses to changing environments can be better contextualized now that those changes are better understood. In a broader context, my work quantifying geometric morphometric error (Chapter 2) and time-averaging error (Chapter 5) may facilitate best practices protocols for similar study systems. Finally, my taxonomic identification protocols for lagomorphs (Chapter 1) and woodrats (Chapter 3) should be useful for other small mammal studies because lagomorph remains are common at most late Quaternary sites and woodrat species are good indicators of paleoecological conditions and change. *The Growth of Paleobiology as an Evolutionary Discipline* Foundation for

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Today many school students are shielded from one of the most important concepts in modern science: evolution. In engaging and conversational style, *Teaching About Evolution and the Nature of Science* provides a well-structured framework for understanding and teaching evolution. Written for teachers, parents, and community officials as well as scientists and educators, this book describes how evolution reveals both the great diversity and similarity among the Earth's organisms; it explores how scientists approach the question of evolution; and it illustrates the nature of science as a way of knowing about the natural world. In addition, the book provides answers to frequently asked questions to help readers understand many of the issues and misconceptions about evolution. The book includes sample activities for teaching about evolution and the nature of science. For example, the book includes activities that investigate fossil footprints and population growth that teachers of science can use to introduce principles of evolution. Background information, materials, and step-by-step presentations

are provided for each activity. In addition, this volume: Presents the evidence for evolution, including how evolution can be observed today. Explains the nature of science through a variety of examples. Describes how science differs from other human endeavors and why evolution is one of the best avenues for helping students understand this distinction. Answers frequently asked questions about evolution. *Teaching About Evolution and the Nature of Science* builds on the 1996 National Science Education Standards released by the National Research Council—and offers detailed guidance on how to evaluate and choose instructional materials that support the standards. Comprehensive and practical, this book brings one of today's educational challenges into focus in a balanced and reasoned discussion. It will be of special interest to teachers of science, school administrators, and interested members of the community.

Introduction to Paleobiology and the Fossil Record Elsevier

The *Platyrrhine Fossil Record* is a compendium of papers presented in a symposium of the 12th Congress of the

International Congress of Primatology held in Brazil. One paper reviews evidence from fossil platyrrhines where the author concludes new dating and environmental data where these animals lived. Another paper describes the major changes pertaining to South American mammalian fauna during the Cenozoic Era, which he relates to global and regional geotectonic changes. Other papers review the paleontology and geology of the Miocene Pintura Formation and reassess the morphological transformations traditionally assumed as having been involved in platyrrhine phylogeny. One author also proposes that a prosimian-like ancestor is probably the predecessors of anthropoids; any similarities and primitive mammals can be evolutionary reversals associated with quadrupedal movements. The text also addresses the issue whether anthropoids, including platyrrhines, evolved from a prosimian ancestor or prosimians are just a group with mammalian postcranial skeletal structure. One author also reviews fossil remains found in the Caribbean, citing seven endemic taxa of platyrrhines in Cuba, Hispaniola, and Jamaica. Anthropologists,

researchers involved in anatomical sciences, academicians, and administrators whose works are connected with museums of natural history or institutes of primate research will find this collection valuable.

The Design of Life New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science
From the Foreword: "Predator-prey interactions are among the most significant of all organism-organism interactions....It will only be by compiling and evaluating data on predator-prey relations as they are recorded in the fossil record that we can hope to tease apart their role in the tangled web of evolutionary interaction over time. This volume, compiled by a group of expert specialists on the evidence of predator-prey interactions in the fossil record, is a pioneering effort to collate the information now accumulating in this important field. It will be a standard reference on which future study of one of the central dynamics of ecology as seen in the fossil record will be built." (Richard K. Bambach, Professor Emeritus, Virginia Tech, Associate of the Botanical Museum, Harvard University)

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edition The text and figures have been updated throughout to reflect current opinion on all aspects New case studies illustrate the chapters, drawn from a broad distribution internationally Chapters on Macroevolution, Form and Function, Mass extinctions, Origin of Life, and Origin of Metazoans have been entirely rewritten to reflect substantial advances in these topics There is a new focus on careers in paleobiology

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discipline. In order to meet the needs of today's instructors and students, we maintain the overall organization and coverage found in most syllabi for this course. A strength of Concepts of Biology is that instructors can customize the book, adapting it to the approach that works best in their classroom. Concepts of Biology also includes an innovative art program that incorporates critical thinking and clicker questions to help students understand--and apply--key concepts.

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