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this book explores the ways in which contemporary evolutionary thinking might inform the study of the peculiarly human phenomenon of symbolic culture including language ritual religion religion and art it draws together contributions from biologists linguists anthropologists and archaeologists in order to establish common ground where collaboration and interaction will be especially productive and challenging in the study of those fundamental aspects of our biology that makes us human multidisciplinary an evolutionary approach to culture

one of the major works of twentieth century anthropological theory written by one of the discipline's most important complex and controversial figures has not been in print for several years now evolution of culture is again available in paperback allowing today's generation of anthropologists new access to leslie white s crucial contribution to the theory of cultural evolution a new substantial introduction by robert carneiro and burton j brown assess white s historical importance and continuing influence in the discipline white is credited with reintroducing evolution in a way that had a profound impact on our understanding of the relationship between technology ecology and culture in the development of civilizations a materialist he was particularly concerned with societies ability to harness energy as an indicator of progress and his empirical analysis of this equation covers a vast historical span fearlessly

tackling the most fundamental questions of culture and society during the cold war white was frequently a lightning rod both inside and outside the academy his book will provoke equally potent debates today and is a key component of any course or reading list in anthropological or archaeological theory and cultural ecology

a unified interpretation of the evolution of species humanity and society

the origin and evolution of cultures presents articles based on two notions that culture is crucial for understanding human behaviour and that culture is part of biology interest in this collection will span anthropology psychology economics philosophy and political science

charles darwin changed the course of scientific thinking by showing how evolution accounts for the stunning diversity and biological complexity of life on earth recently there has also been increased interest in the social sciences in how darwinian theory can explain human culture covering a wide range of topics including fads public policy the spread of religion and herd behavior in markets alex mesoudi shows that human culture is itself an evolutionary process that exhibits the key darwinian mechanisms of variation competition and inheritance this cross disciplinary volume focuses on the ways cultural phenomena can be studied scientifically from theoretical modeling to lab experiments archaeological fieldwork to ethnographic studies and shows how apparently disparate methods can complement one another to the mutual benefit of the various social science disciplines along the way the book reveals how new insights arise from looking at culture from an evolutionary angle cultural evolution provides a thought provoking argument that darwinian evolutionary theory can both unify different branches of inquiry and enhance understanding of human behavior

how our collective intelligence has helped us to evolve and prosper humans are a puzzling species on the one hand we struggle to survive on our own in the wild often failing to overcome even basic challenges like obtaining food building shelters or avoiding predators on the other

hand human groups have produced ingenious technologies sophisticated languages and complex institutions that have permitted us to successfully expand into a vast range of diverse environments what has enabled us to dominate the globe more than any other species while remaining virtually helpless as lone individuals this book shows that the secret of our success lies not in our innate intelligence but in our collective brains on the ability of human groups to socially interconnect and learn from one another over generations drawing insights from lost european explorers clever chimpanzees mobile hunter gatherers neuroscientific findings ancient bones and the human genome joseph henrich demonstrates how our collective brains have propelled our species genetic evolution and shaped our biology our early capacities for learning from others produced many cultural innovations such as fire cooking water containers plant knowledge and projectile weapons which in turn drove the expansion of our brains and altered our physiology anatomy and psychology in crucial ways later on some collective brains generated and recombined powerful concepts such as the lever wheel screw and writing while also creating the institutions that continue to alter our motivations and perceptions henrich shows how our genetics and biology are inextricably interwoven with cultural evolution and how culture gene interactions launched our species on an extraordinary evolutionary trajectory tracking clues from our ancient past to the present the secret of our success explores how the evolution of both our cultural and social natures produce a collective intelligence that explains both our species immense success and the origins of human uniqueness

twelve original essays examine the symbiotic relation of culture and genome

oxford presents in one convenient and coherently organized volume 20 influential but until now relatively inaccessible articles that form the backbone of boyd and richerson s path breaking work on evolution and culture their interdisciplinary research is based on two notions first that culture is crucial for understanding human behavior unlike other organisms socially transmitted beliefs attitudes and values heavily influence our behavior secondly culture is part of biology the

capacity to acquire and transmit culture is a derived component of human psychology and the contents of culture are deeply intertwined with our biology culture then is a pool of information stored in the brains of the population that gets transmitted from one brain to another by social learning processes therefore culture can account for both our outstanding ecological success as well as the maladaptations that characterize much of human behavior the interest in this collection will span anthropology psychology economics philosophy and political science

evolution culture and the human mind is the first scholarly book to integrate evolutionary and cultural perspectives on human psychology the contributors include world renowned evolutionary cultural social and cognitive psychologists these chapters reveal many novel insights linking human evolution to both human cognition and human culture including the evolutionary origins of cross cultural differences

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animals do have culture maintains this delightfully illustrated and provocative book which cites a number of fascinating instances of animal communication and learning john bonner traces the origins of culture back to the early biological evolution of animals and provides examples of five categories of behavior leading to nonhuman culture physical dexterity relations with other species auditory communication within a species geographic locations and inventions or innovations defining culture as the transmission of information by behavioral rather than genetical means he demonstrates the continuum between the traits we find in animals and those we often consider uniquely human

the relations between behavior evolution and culture have been a subject of vigorous debate since the publication of darwin s the descent of man 1871 the latest volume of perspectives in ethology brings anthropologists ethologists psychologists and evolutionary theorists together to reexamine this important relation with two exceptions the essays by brown and eldredge all of the present essays were originally presented at the fifth biannual symposium on the science of behavior held in guadalajara mexico in february 1998 the volume opens with the problem of the origins of culture tackled from two different viewpoints by richerson and boyd and lancaster kaplan hill and hurtado respectively richerson and boyd analyze the possible relations between climatic change in the pleistocene and the evo lution of social learning evaluating the boundary conditions under

which social learning could increase fitness and contribute to culture lancaster kaplan hill and hurtado examine how a shift in the diet of the genus homo toward difficult to acquire food could have determined or coe volved with unique features of the human life cycle these two essays illus trate how techniques that range from computer modeling to comparative behavioral analysis and that make use of a wide range of data can be used for drawing inferences about past selection pressures as culture evolves it must somehow find its place within and also affect a complex hierarchy of behavioral and biological factors

ed by j l myres with an introduction by henry balfour

a brief empirical introduction to the four fields of anthropology human evolution and culturepresents the highlights of the popularanthropology 13th edition by the same author team it provides students with an empirical introduction to the four fields of anthropology and helps them understand humans in all their variety and why such variety exists its four sections introduce students to 1 anthropology 2 the biological and cultural evolution of humans 3 cultural variation and 4 how anthropology can be applied beyond academia this new 7th edition places an increased emphasis on immigration migration and globalization additionally the size of the book 19 chapters makes it useful for quarter courses as well as for courses that encourage a lot of supplemental reading teaching and learning experience personalize learning myanthrolab delivers proven results in helping students succeed provides engaging experiences that personalize learning and comes from a trusted partner with educational expertise and a deep commitment to helping students and instructors achieve their goals improve critical thinking throughout each chapter inhuman evolution and culturethere are a number of critical thinking questions to encourage students to examine their assumptions discern hidden values evaluate evidence assess their conclusions and more engage students along with a detailed summary each chapter ends with a listing of new terms that have been introduced helping students to engage in major concepts and findings support instructors teaching your course just got easier you can create a

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in the evolution of culture and other essays augustus henry lane fox pitt rivers explores the intricate relationship between culture and human evolution presenting a series of essays that delve into anthropology archaeology and sociology through meticulous analysis and a comparative approach pitt rivers illuminates the ways in which cultural practices evolve over time influenced by both environmental factors and social interactions his literary style marked by clarity and rigor invites readers to question dogmas of cultural stagnation and appreciate the dynamic nature of human societies within a historical context pitt rivers a pioneering figure in archaeology and a prominent anthropologist of the 19th century was deeply influenced by the burgeoning ideas of evolutionary theory his extensive fieldwork and keen observations of indigenous cultures provided him with firsthand insight into the variability and complexity of human customs this background allowed him to formulate a nuanced understanding of culture as a living entity constantly shaped by its interactions with various ecological and societal factors this compelling collection is essential reading for anyone interested in anthropology cultural studies or history pitt rivers incisive perspectives not only enhance our understanding of cultural evolution but also challenge us to consider the implications of these ideas in contemporary society engage with this seminal work to enrich your appreciation of the ever evolving tapestry of human experience

examines the history of evolutionism in cultural anthropology beginning with its roots in the 19th century through the half century of anti evolutionism to its reemergence in the 1950s and the

current perspectives on it today no other book covers the subject so fully or over such a long period of time evolutionism and cultural anthropology traces the interaction of evolutionary thought and anthropological theory from herbert spencer to the twenty first century it is a focused examination of how the idea of evolution has continued to provide anthropology with a master principle around which a vast body of data can be organized and synthesized erudite and readable and quoting extensively from early theorists such as edward tylor lewis henry morgan john melennan henry maine and james frazer so that the reader might judge them on the basis of their own words evolutionism and cultural anthropology is useful reading for courses in anthropological theory and the history of anthropology 0813337666 evolutionism in cultural anthropology a critical history

ever since darwin scholars have noted that cultural entities such as languages laws and theories seem to evolve through variation selection and replication these essays consider whether this comparison is just a metaphor

human beings are a very different kind of animal we have evolved to become the most dominant species on earth we have a larger geographical range and process more energy than any other creature alive this astonishing transformation is usually explained in terms of cognitive ability people are just smarter than all the rest but in this compelling book robert boyd argues that culture our ability to learn from each other has been the essential ingredient of our remarkable success a different kind of animal demonstrates that while people are smart we are not nearly smart enough to have solved the vast array of problems that confronted our species as it spread across the globe over the past two million years culture has evolved to enable human populations to accumulate superb local adaptations that no individual could ever have invented on their own it has also made possible the evolution of social norms that allow humans to make common cause with large groups of unrelated individuals a kind of society not seen anywhere else in nature this unique combination of cultural adaptation and large scale cooperation has transformed

our species and assured our survival making us the different kind of animal we are today based on the tanner lectures delivered at princeton university a different kind of animal features challenging responses by biologist h allen orr philosopher kim sterelny economist paul seabright and evolutionary anthropologist ruth mace as well as an introduction by stephen macedo

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