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AN ENGAGING, COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION OF EVOLUTIONARY PSYCHOLOGY!

This lucid and exceptionally clear synthesis draws on experimental findings in contemporary Psychology, Primatology, Archeology, Evolutionary Biology, and Neuroscience, as well as History and Philosophy, to present a comprehensive overview of the exciting field of Evolutionary Psychology.

Landmark contributions from historical figures and key contributions from contemporary researchers are highlighted throughout. The author also underscores controversies and flashpoints with numerous citations from the scientific literature as well as a frank discussion of the critiques of the field.

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—Charles Crawford, Department of Psychology, Simon Fraser University

"The writing style is also a pleasure to read: straightforward with a nice leavening of wit, anecdote, and colloquialism. I found the text a page turner, which is unusual in a work of this sort. The students will be drawn on by the text, rather than be bogged down in it."

—Colin Beer, D.Phil., Department of Psychology, Rutgers University

"I like the balance between the introductory material on the historical development of evolution, sociobiology, evolutionary psychology, and human evolution on the one hand, and the more detailed focus on emotions, cooperation, development, and cognition on the other hand."

—Brian Richmond, PhD, Department of Anthropology, George Washington University

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