



# REMARKABLE CREATURES

Epic Adventures in the Search for the Origins of Species

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## SALES POINTS

- Q Carroll is the Richard Dawkins of the USA.
- Q 2009 is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Darwin's birth, and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of his *On the Origin of the Species*.

## KEYNOTE

The amazing 200-year story of the *making* of the theory of evolution.

## QUOTES FOR *THE MAKING OF THE FITTEST*

- 'Dazzling... Carroll is passionate and magisterial. Nothing of more lasting importance is likely to be published this year' *Guardian*
- 'Smart and passionate' *Daily Telegraph*

## SYNOPSIS

In 1809, when Darwin was born, much of the world was an unexplored wilderness. Our knowledge of the past was nonexistent, and our picture of our species' history little more than a set of fantastic myths and fairytales. But a new era was dawning. Five decades later, *On the Origin of the Species* was able to draw on the pioneering work of explorers and naturalists to produce a theory that revolutionized our conception of our world. And the revolution didn't stop with the publication of Darwin's masterwork. 150 years later, his 'dangerous idea' is still headline news, denied by many, capable of enraging and dividing, even as biologists decipher the 3-billion-year history of life as written in our very DNA.

This book tells the stories of the most dramatic adventures and important discoveries in two centuries of natural history – from Alexander von Humboldt's epic journeys in South America to the hi-tech genome-reading projects making headlines today – and how they gave birth to and have nourished the evolution revolution.

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Sean B. Carroll is an Investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Professor of Genetics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His scientific discoveries have been featured in *Time* and *The New York Times*, and Carroll himself has written articles for *Natural History* and *Playboy*. His first book, *Endless Forms Most Beautiful* was a 2005 Top Popular Science Book of the Year (USA Today). He and his wife and children reside in Madison, Wisconsin.