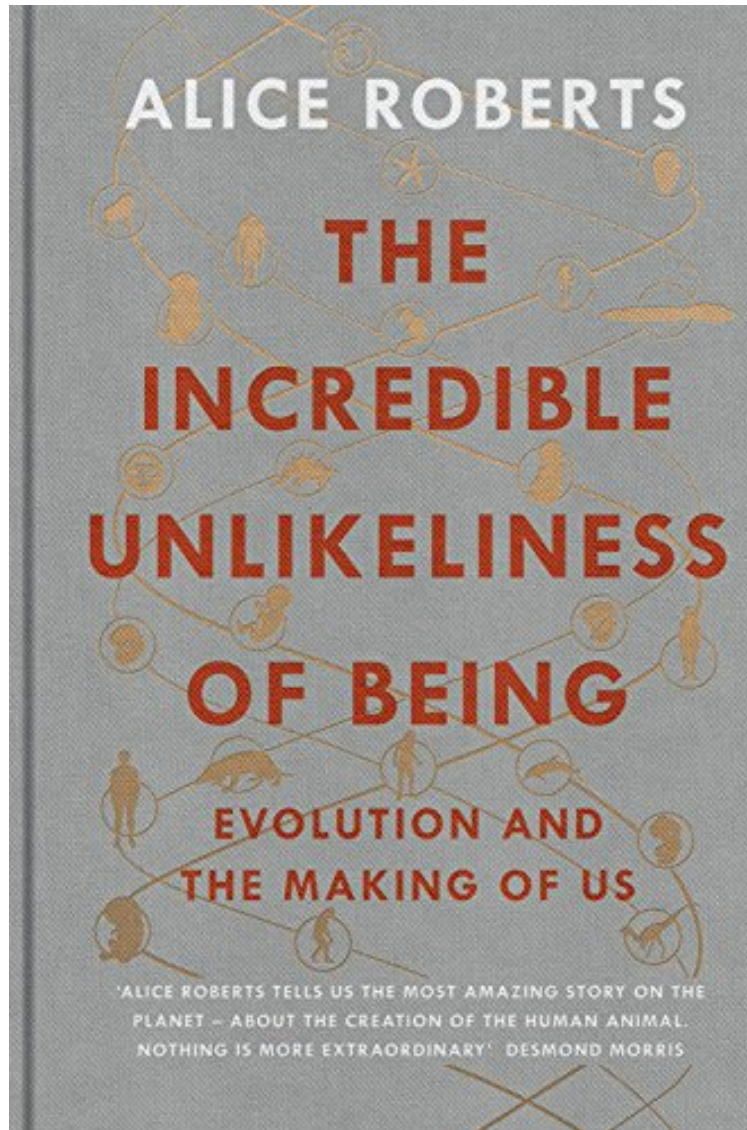


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this book than I did in 4 years of university (granted, I was a marine biology major) and in my years since as a biology teacher. This book is outstanding. It gets into pretty good detail, though not so much detail that the educated layperson should get bogged down. A decent biology background or a good healthy interest in biology is definitely helpful. If you have read and enjoyed such books as Neil Shubin's "Your Inner Fish" and/or Sean B. Carroll's "Endless Forms Most Beautiful" then this book will be right up your alley. I'll say this: I've never been particularly interested in human evolution, human physiology, and human development, mainly because so many biology courses I took were rather human centered (for example, when I got to physiology in high school biology classes, they were pretty much human systems only). Later years of university exposed me to so much other life on this planet and I was sick of human stuff, and that has rather stuck with me ever since. This book has rather changed that for me. It ties our evolution so neatly into that of so many other organisms by talking about how we are, how others are, and how the common ancestors may have been, that it has started a fire to my interest in how we came to be that was kindled by Neil Shubin's book. I recommend this book to anyone who has an interest in evolution, embryology, and development, human or otherwise, to anyone who is interested in the great tree of life and how we fit into it. I'll definitely be recommending this to my more motivated students and former students who have gone on to study biology and medicine in university. If you want to know how your body works, how it got to work that way, and how these workings relate to our relatives on other branches of the tree of life, then getting this book is a very good idea. :) 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. How did we get here? By Bobby BI saw a review of this book and decided to order it. It's so fascinating. Ms. Roberts goes into great detail about the development of the human race and how we share so much ancestry with simple organisms from hundreds of millions of years ago. As I sit here typing this and using my eyes and brain, I think about the chapters on our brain and our eyes and the incredible development that took place to get us to this point. I'd like to point out that I'm not finished with this book, just on page 105. It's not easy reading as the type is a bit small and the vocabulary is sometimes difficult as she talks about specific areas of the body, brain, and eyes, using unfamiliar words for me. I usually read this book in front of my computer with the online dictionary open in front of me. That helps me with the pronunciation and the meaning of the words. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Well Written By Marjie, Mother of 9 I bought this book for my daughter, who is an RN. Confession being good for the soul, I read it before I gave it to her for her birthday. It's very well written, a great history of humans and how we've evolved over the eons. It isn't light reading, but it does flow smoothly and is very interesting.

In this compulsively readable book, Dr. Alice Roberts lays out the miraculously strange way in which the human body grows from a chemical (DNA) into a living, sentient being. A longtime professor and well-known TV presenter, Dr. Roberts is also an author of unusual ability, capable of synthesizing complex ideas and packing dense scientific information into lucid, beautiful prose.

"Roberts's engagingly personal style connects you to your ancestors, to your own personal beginnings as a single cell and, in a most attractive way, to herself as an author of great charm. From your brain to your fingertips, you emerge from her book entertained and with a deeper understanding of yourself." Richard Dawkins, bestselling author of *The Selfish Gene*, *The God Delusion*, and *The Magic of Reality* "A masterful account of why our bodies are the way they are ... Roberts skilfully and knowledgeably weaves embryology, genetics, anatomy, evolution and zoology to tell the incredible story of the human body... It is in comparative anatomy that this book really shines ... Roberts's anatomical expertise is seductive... This is a scientifically robust book, packed with up-to-date and historical research, and in no way trivial. But it is a long distance from ponderous, and Roberts's lightness of touch is joyous, and celebratory." Adam Rutherford, *The Guardian* "Alice Roberts tells us about the most amazing story on the planet--the creation of the human animal. Nothing is more extraordinary and her guided tour of the human body takes us on a fascinating journey of self-discovery." Desmond Morris, biologist, artist, and bestselling author of *The Naked Ape* About the Author Dr. Alice Roberts is an anatomist, osteoarchaeologist, anthropologist, television presenter, author, and professor at the University of Birmingham. She has presented *The Incredible Human Journey* and *Coast* on BBC 2 and *Inside Science* on Radio 4. She lives in Bristol with her husband and two children.