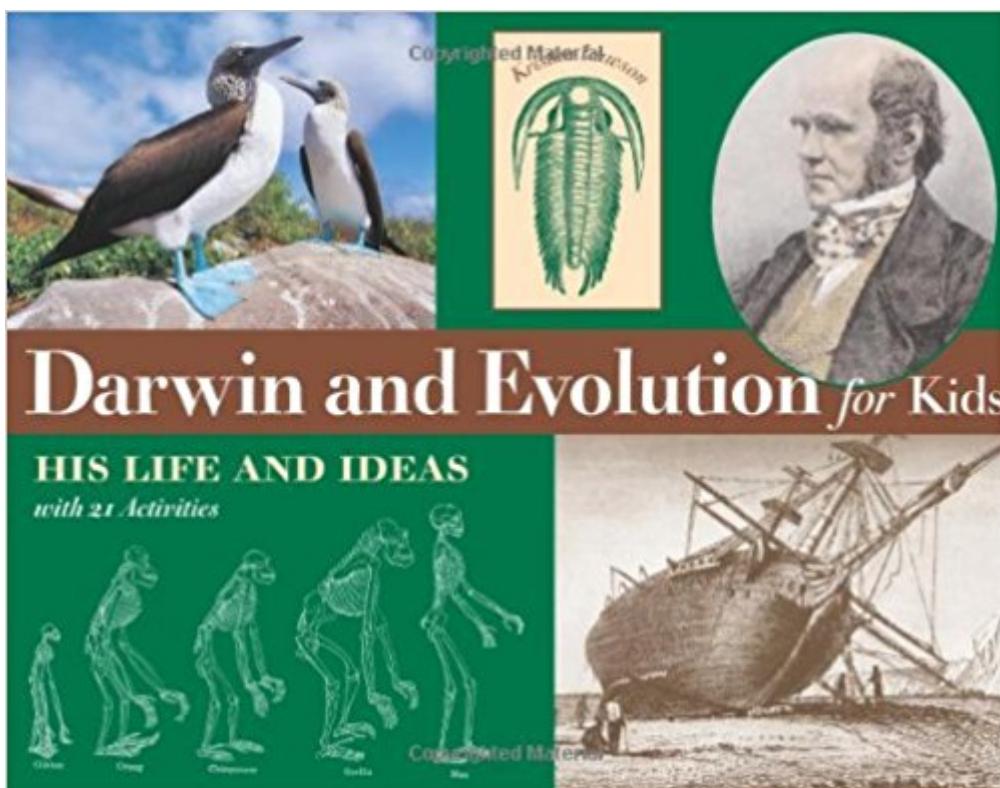


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# Darwin And Evolution For Kids: His Life And Ideas With 21 Activities (For Kids Series)



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Darwin and Evolution for Kids traces the transformation of a privileged and somewhat scatterbrained youth into the great thinker who proposed the revolutionary theory of evolution. Through 21 hands-on activities, young scientists learn about Darwin's life and work and assess current evidence of evolution. Activities include going on a botanical treasure hunt, keeping field notes as a backyard naturalist, and tying knots for ship sails like those on the HMS Beagle. Children also learn how fossils are created, trace genetic traits through their family trees, and discover if acquired traits are passed along to future generations. By encouraging children, parents, and teachers to define the differences between theories and beliefs, facts and opinions, Darwin and Evolution for Kids does not shy away from a theory that continues to spark heated public debate more than a century after it was first proposed.

## **Book Information**

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Grade 5-9-A thorough introduction to the life and work of this naturalist and thinker. The book begins with a description of Darwin's family life, privileged childhood, and education. His five-year voyage on the Beagle, during which he collected specimens to send back to England, is vividly described.

The author places Darwin's ideas in context with those of other philosophical and scientific thinkers, tracing the work of both his predecessors and contemporaries. Lawson also explores how his subject's theories were accepted or rejected by others and discusses how the disagreement among scientists and creationists continues to the present time. The writing is consistently clear and lively. The text is supplemented by related activities, including how to develop a taxonomy, tying nautical knots, and making geological strata. Brown-and-white photographs and reproductions create a sense of the Victorian era. A list of resources for further research encourages students to delve deeper into the topic. This book covers the same material as J. Edward Evans's *Charles Darwin* (Lerner, 1993; o.p.), but is more comprehensive.-Ann Joslin, Erie County Public Library, PA

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"An excellent resource." •Children's Literature"Very readable and interesting biography."•Science and Children"Explores the theory of evolution in a straight-forward and scientific manner."•Connect

I spent the last 2 months pouring through this book with my 12-year old, off and on, and sometimes spending an hour on an entire page. I felt it was very appropriate for her age, especially since we read it together. This book enabled us to cover SO MANY subjects in thorough detail. Not only is the subject of evolution fully explored with arguments in favor of and against, but the book is also somewhat cross-curricular in that it explores issues of slavery (Darwin was very put off by it), geology (the age of the Earth and the rocks and things found in it), archeology (Darwin actually found many fossils of prehistoric mega-mammals which he sent back to England), geography (the Beagle's trip around the world is featured in full detail), and even psychology (the captain of the Beagle was a real piece of work, to be polite -- Darwin had to learn to get along with him). This book has a special kid-friendliness in that it is often interrupted with side stories and activities. For example, when explaining where Darwin was born (Shrewsbury, England), the book provides a recipe for Shrewsbury cakes (thus providing us with a first-hand learning experience in how awful English food actually is -- no offense to you Brits out there).

My daughter needed to do a report on Darwin (5th grade) and this was our favorite resource. The information is readable for a kid, but not dumbed down, tough balance to strike. She was able to proficiently explain the theory of evolution and create a timeline for Darwin's scientific career. Good stuff, we like it!

Came quickly, just as described.

Explains very well, but like all things still needs a good navigator to help with questions and examples

Great book! -- good for kids and also for this adult, a geoscience graduate. Buy it -- read it -- learn from it!

Very informative, thorough and well-written. I enjoyed reviewing the science I had not studied since high school (maybe college). Not for little kids, though. The length and reading level make it more suitable to middle school kids in AP classes or for HS students for independent reading and maybe for younger kids if a parent reads it to them. Way too advanced for my high school ESL kids.

This is an outstanding book for children, and adults as well. This wonderfully laid out science book, succinctly addresses the "when, where, why, and how" life on this planet began. By encouraging readers to define the difference between theories and beliefs, facts and opinions, "Darwin and Evolution for Kids" addresses religiously inspired debates with fact and eloquently and tells the story of evolution.

we enjoyd the book. it covers all topics and gives a good pictures of the person, theory and person.

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