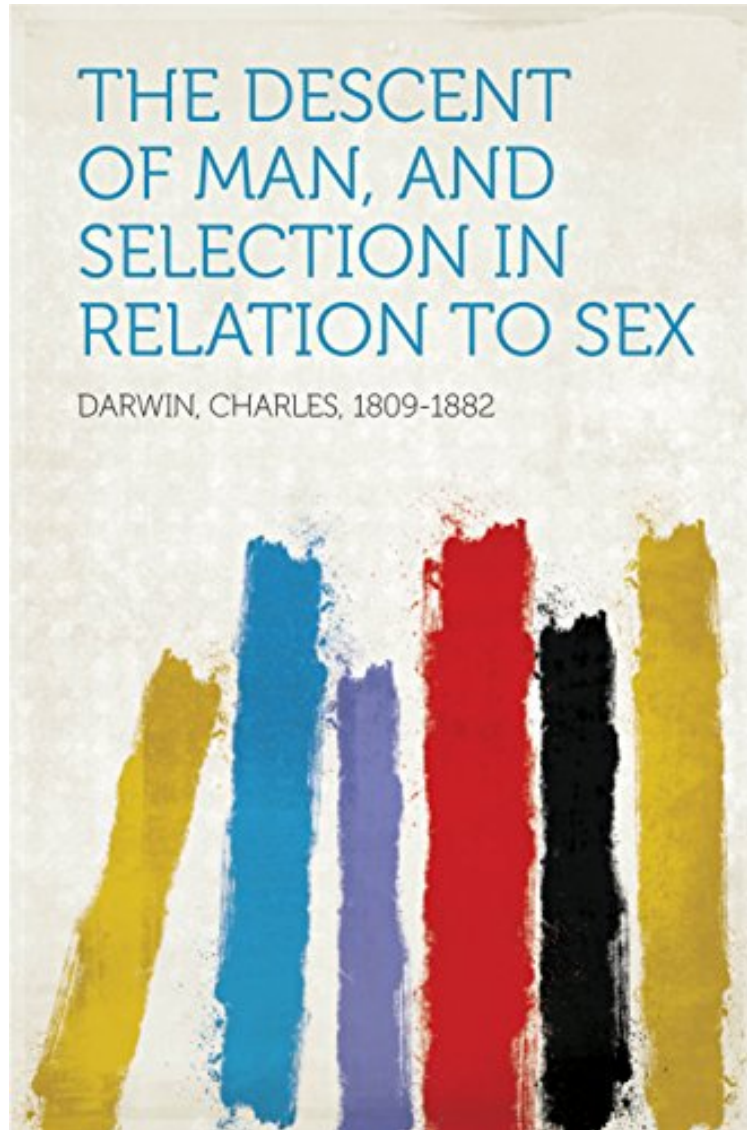


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Von Charles, 1809-1882 Darwin : The Descent of Man, and Selection in Relation to Sex before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Descent of Man, and Selection in Relation to Sex:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The role of beauty in evolution Von Ekkehart Schlicht This book opened my eyes to the role of beauty in evolution. Darwin notes that it is difficult to accept that 'mammals, birds, reptiles, and fish' share the 'high taste of beauty which generally coincides with our own standard' and that this is an important driving force in biological and social evolution. This

thesis is in striking contrast to the ideas entertained in current evolutionary psychology, where judgements about beauty are considered with respect to their function regarding survival. It contrasts also with much current evolutionary thinking as Darwin is almost entirely concerned with explaining disfunctional, rather than functional, traits in terms of evolutionary theory. The thesis is not developed in full. It is, therefore, even more stimulating to read than if the thesis had been developed conclusively.4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Homo sapiens: just another species under evolutionary theory Von Ein Kunde A beautiful, historical account of a great naturalist's work. It is important to keep in mind that the book was written 129 years ago, though, since the use of the language would not be considered "politically correct" nowadays. Darwin was someone "who viewed life on earth in terms of an evolutionary framework grounded in science and reason" (taken from the Introduction by H. James Birx). It is difficult to believe that an educated person would misinterpret his ideas as being sexist or racist. Only the ignorant (or a creationist in disguise) would attempt to discredit the work of one of the greatest minds of all times by giving it the wrong label. Reading Daniel C. Dennett's "Darwin Dangerous Idea" (highly recommended) might help to put it in the right context.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Social Convention Von Ein Kunde The book was excellent. Though it does dwell on various moral issues that I did find rather disconcerting, we should not critique a book on the basis of our own morality. Morality is a relative thing, both society and history influence it. Therefore, dialectically, you cannot hold a book--or author--to account for a moral system that didn't exist in his or her day.

Kurzbeschreibung HardPress Classic Books Series Kurzbeschreibung HardPress Classic Books Series Synopsis In the discussion on Sexual Selection in my 'Descent of Man,' no case interested and perplexed me so much as the brightly-coloured hinder ends and adjoining parts of certain monkeys. As these parts are more brightly coloured in one sex than the other, and as they become more brilliant during the season of love, I concluded that the colours had been gained as a sexual attraction.