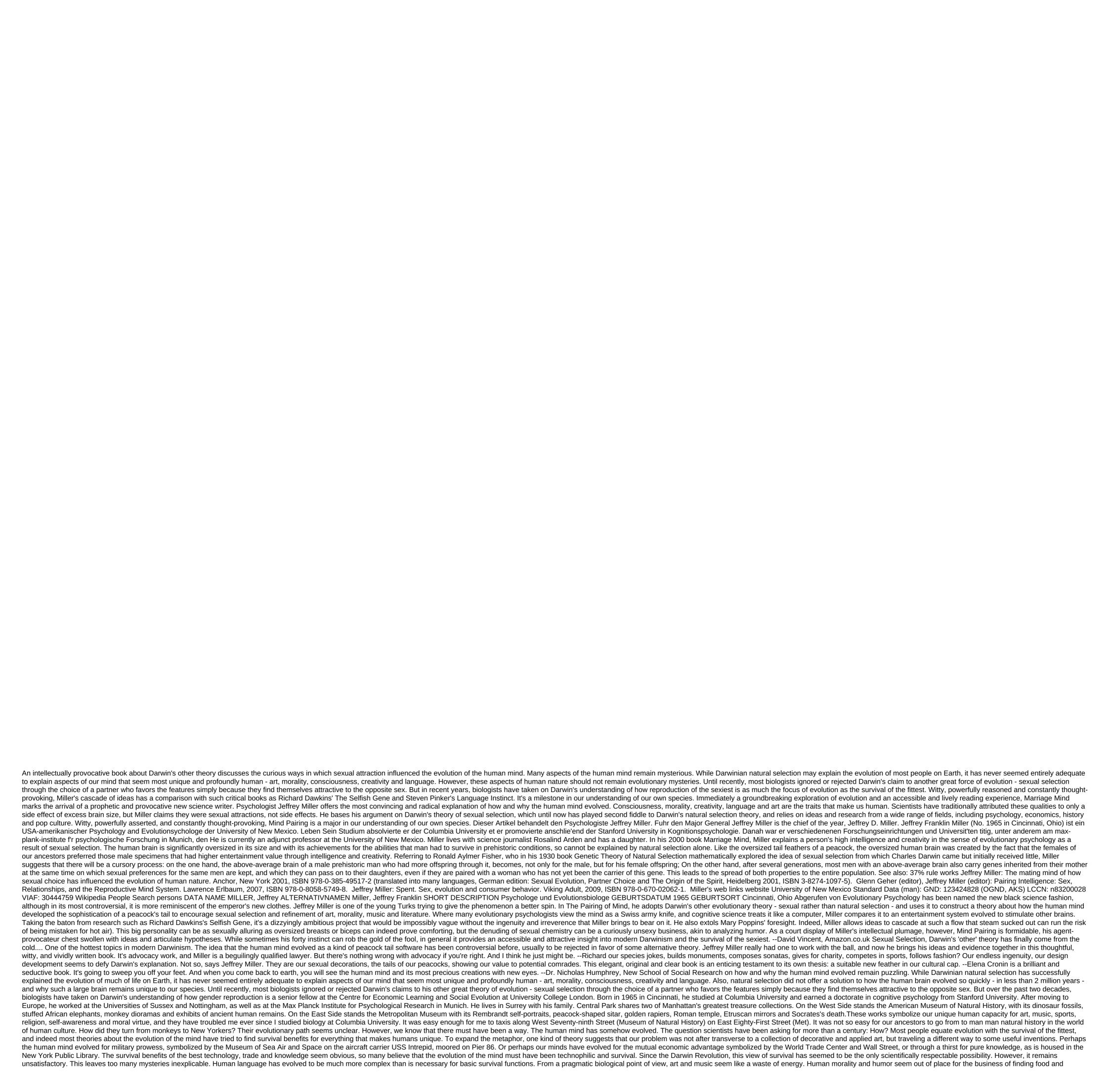
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avoiding predators. Also, if human intelligence and creativity were so useful, it's puzzling that other monkeys don't develop them. Even if the theory of survival can lead us from the world of natural history to our abilities to invention, commerce and knowledge, it cannot explain the more decorative and pleasant aspects of human culture: art, music, sports, drama, comedy and political ideals. At this point, survival theories usually indicate that along the cross is the Central Park Training Center. Perhaps our big brains, evolved for technophilic survival, can be co-opted for art. However, this side effect of vision is equally unsatisfactory. Temperamentally, this reflects nothing more than a Wall Street trader's disdain for leisure. Biologically, he predicts that other large brain species like elephants and dolphins should have invented their own versions of human art. Psychologically, it's not why it is much harder for us to learn mathematics than music, surgery, sports, and rational science than religious myth. I think we can do better. We don't have to pretend that everything is interestingly interesting Pleasant about human behavior is a side effect of some utilitarian survival ability or overall learning ability. I draw inspiration not from the Central Park Learning Center on the north side of the cross, but from the Rumble on the south side. Rumble is a 37-acre forest with 250 bird species. Every spring they sing to attract sexual partners. Their intricate songs evolved for courtship. Could some of our mysterious human abilities have evolved for the same function? Mind for CourtshipThis book suggests that our minds evolved not only as survival machines, but also as courtship machines. Each of our ancestors managed not only to live for a while, but also to convince at least one sexual partner to have sex to produce offspring. Those proto-humans who did not attract sexual interest did not become our ancestors, no matter how good they were in survival. Darwin understood this and argued that evolution is conditioned not only by natural selection through the choice of partner. Following his insights, I will argue that the most distinctive aspects of our mind evolved mainly through the sexual choices of our ancestors. The human mind and the tail of a peacock can perform similar biological functions. The tail of a peacock is a classic example of sexual selection through mate selection. It evolved because peahens preferred larger, more colorful tails. Peacocks will survive better with shorter, lighter, grey tails. But the sexual selection of peahens made peacocks develop a large, bright plumage that takes energy to grow and time to preen, and makes it harder to escape from predators such as tigers. The tail of the peacock evolved through the choice of mat. Its biological function is to attract peahens. The radial location of his yard feathers, with their iridescent blue and bronze eye spots and their rumbling movement, can be explained scientifically only if a person understands this function. The tail doesn't make sense as an adaptation for courtship. The most impressive abilities of the human mind are like the tail of a peacock: they are courting tools that have evolved to attract and entertain sexual partners. By shifting our focus from a view of survival-oriented evolution to a look oriented towards courtship, I will try to show how for the first time we can better understand the richness of human art, morality, language and creativity. A 1993 Gallup poll found that nearly half of all Americans recognize that people have evolved over millions of years. However, only about 10 percent believe that natural selection, alone and unmanageable, can amazing abilities of the human mind. Most people think that the evolution of the mind must have been guided by some reasonable force, some active designer. Even in more secular countries, such as many recognize that humans have evolved from monkeys, but doubt that natural selection is enough to explain our mind. Even though I am a dev loyal Darwinian, I share these doubts. I don't think natural selection for survival can explain the human mind. Our minds are entertaining, intelligent, creative, and articulate far beyond the requirements of survival on the plains of the Pleistocene of Africa. For me, this indicates the work of some intelligent force and some active designers were our ancestors, using their sexual choices to influence - unconsciously - what offspring they produced. By intelligently choosing our sexual partners for their mental abilities, our ancestors became a reasonable force for the evolution of the human mind. Evolutionary psychology turns Dionysus into more ambitious theories of human nature. 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