

## OTHER RECENT SCIENCE BOOKS OF NOTE

***The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs: A New History of a Lost World.* Brusatte, Steve. 2018. William Morrow, Harper Collins, New York. 416 p.**

Senior readers will remember learning that many dinosaurs had small brains and were large slow-moving animals, superseded by mammals and birds. However, this fascinating history reveals that this is all wrong and that birds are dinosaurs; their flightless ancestors being covered with feathers, and they had wing-like structures for display, like peacocks. In addition, this history provides accounts of many of the early and more recent paleontologists who have collected evidence to support our current understanding about the evolution of these remarkable animals.

***The Violinist's Thumb and Other Lost Tales of Love, War, and Genius, as Written by our Genetic Code.* Kean, Sam. 2013. Little Brown & Co. Boston. 432 p.**

This book that is all about DNA and human hereditary and evolution. At first glance, one might think that the topic is too complex for a general readership and in parts there is a lot of detail, but there are helpful explanatory end-notes on each chapter. The book is packed with enthralling information about the scientists, and others, associated with the various discoveries. It is also fascinating to read about the genetic mutations that have affected famous people like American Presidents and others like Paganini whose aberration led to the book's title. Once into the book, it is not easy to put down and it provides a great insight into understanding the role DNA, RNA, and the genetic code in human populations today.

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