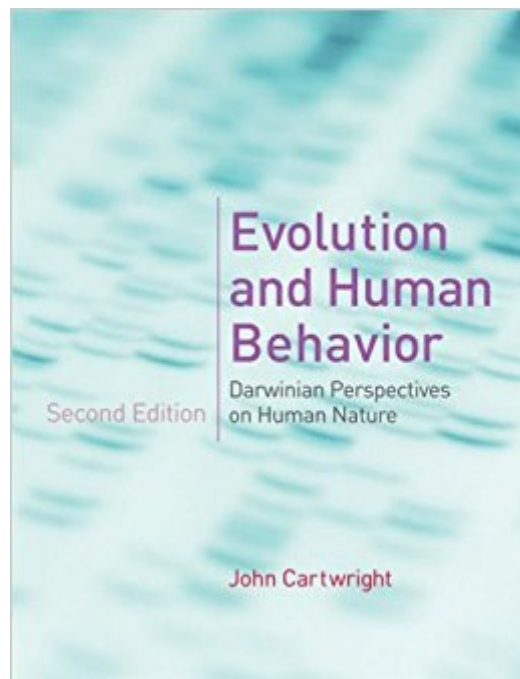


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This is an essential textbook for students of sociology, psychology, human behavior, ethics ETC. I have used it extensively in my PhD work.

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The book I got was misprinted. It had 2 chapter 14s and had no chapter thirteen. It also had repeating pages.

Overall a very good textbook but lapses into sermonizing in the epilogue. It is one of the best books available that discusses such issues as the evolution of brain size, sexual selection, modularity of the mind, intra- and intergroup conflict, and altruism. Cartwright seems to trot out the Lewontin fallacy, that most of the world's genetic diversity is found in any one race/population group you choose. Race is being dismissed because it is uncomfortable. Of course geneticists such as Neil Risch have shown that race is biologically significant and individuals cluster into recognisable groups (Risch et al., Am. J. Hum. Genet. 76:268-275, 2005). Race and ethnicity have become important considerations for biologists hunting for the variant genes the predispose people to common diseases. Failure to take ethnicity into account can confound a study, particularly if the disease in question is more common in one ethnic group than another.

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