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Stewart, Paul D. *Galapagos, The Islands That Changed the World*. Yale University Press, 2007. Stewart and co-authors, associated with the BBC natural history unit, present the natural and human history of the islands in this wide-ranging, beautifully illustrated book, the companion to the BBC series. (PAPER, 240 Pp.)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

These five books are highly recommended by Professor Durham and are available as a set for $93 including shipping, 15% off the retail price (Item EXGPS51). Any books ordered in addition to this set will be shipped free of charge.

Jackson, Michael. *Galapagos, A Natural History*. University of Calgary Press, 1995. Written with the curious visitor in mind, this comprehensive overview of the natural history of the islands is practically mandatory reading. It’s the single best introduction to the archipelago, its geology and climate, habitats, plants, birds, animals, ecology and evolution. (PAPER, 316 Pp., $29.95, Item GPS03)


Larson, Edward J. *Evolution’s Workshop, God and Science on the Galapagos Islands*. Perseus, 2002. A vivid history of the Galapagos and the role of the islands as a crucible of evolutionary ideas, written by a Pulitzer Prize winner. Along with Darwin, it covers the discovery of the islands, the visits of Hancock and Beebe, the influence of the United States during WWII and the establishment of the national park. (PAPER, 320 Pp., $16.95, Item GPS50)

**BY YOUR STUDY LEADER**

Durham, William H. *Coevolution, Genes, Culture, and Human Diversity*. Stanford University Press, 1992. Durham proposes a powerful new theory of cultural evolution. His idea that the descent with modification of the shared conceptual systems we call "cultures" is parallel in many ways to Darwin’s original theory. (PAPER, 656 Pp., $40.95, Item SCI227)

**MAPS & GUIDEBOOKS**


**HISTORY, CULTURE & LITERATURE**

Melville, Herman, and Margaret Drabble (Introduction). *The Enchanted Isles*. Trafalgar Square, 2002. These ten sketches portray the islands, which Melville visited during his whaling days, as a bleak, wonderfully strange place. (PAPER, 99 Pp., $13.95, Item GPS61)


**NATURAL HISTORY & PHOTOGRAPHY**


Grant, who has devoted his life's work to the evolution and ecology of these curious Galapagos birds. (PAPER, 492 Pp., $41, Item GPS44)


Weiner, Jonathan. *The Beak of the Finch, A Story of Evolution in Our Time*. Alfred Knopf, 1995. This Pulitzer Prize-winning work is an accessible look at the modern debate on the mode and rhythm of evolution, using the story of Peter and Rosemary Grant and their field work on Daphne Major as an example. (PAPER, 332 Pp., $15.95, Item GPS08)

**FIELD GUIDES**


Pons, Alain. *Galapagos Safari Companion*. Continental Sales, 2007. A colorful illustrated guide to wildlife, photographic opportunities and travel. There are beautiful photographs on every page, each accompanied by a caption with photography tips for travellers looking to get the most out of their cameras. (PAPER, 80 Pp., $14.95, Item GPS80)

Stills, Robert, and Andy Swash. *Birds, Mammals and Reptiles of the Galapagos Islands*. Yale University Press, 2006. This strikingly compact, comprehensive field guide features 500 color photographs, distribution maps and information on status, habitat and behavior. (FLEXI-BOUND, 168 Pp., $27, Item GPS49)

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