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POPULAR SCIENCE
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How genes are not the only basis of heredity and what this means for evolution, human life, and disease

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“A work of great clarity. Bonduriansky and Day provide an absorbing account of evolution in which a menagerie of epigenetic forces joins our genes as the drivers of who we are and what we are like.”

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This year sees a magnificent yield, and we hope there will be something of interest for everyone. In the social sciences, Jerry Muller argues against The Tyranny of Metrics while Eric Posner and E. Glen Weyl turn conventional economic and political thinking on its head in Radical Markets. Keith Oatley’s Our Minds, Our Selves is an authoritative history of modern psychology, and leading economist Kaushik Basu offers a radical approach to economic analysis of law.

In the humanities, two biographies of Ibn Khaldun and Talaat Pasha provide insight into key figures in the Arab world and the Ottoman Empire respectively, while Konrad Jarausch offers a very different kind of biographical account in Broken Lives. Heather Widdows urges us to reflect on the demand to be beautiful in Perfect Me!

Finally, from our science and mathematics publishing, A. Zee’s On Gravity is a brief yet profound exploration of gravity, David Weintraub invites us to imagine Life on Mars, and Mark Serreze brings us back to earth with Brave New Arctic, an eloquent account of life as a researcher in the melting north.

Thank you and as always, enjoy!

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