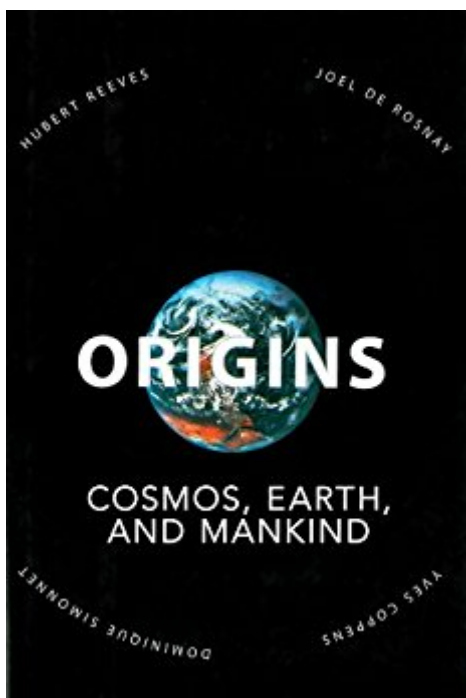


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The science is great. BUT who forgot the periods at the end of some sentences? And who needs the religious overtones? Adam and Eve? Really?

This otherwise excellent book was written over two decades ago. Science progresses very rapidly. You may read his as an introduction, but you will want to bring yourself up-to-date elsewhere. A better approach might be to start with something more recent containing references to previous work. Then come back to this.

I love physics, astrophysics, theoretical physics, but I'm not really clever enough to grasp the concepts all that well. This book made it easy. And I appreciated the way the discussion was put into three acts, displaying the symmetry of evolution in the universe, the planet, species and humanity.

Some weird typos. Nothing really new to learn here unless you are totally unfamiliar with cosmology or evolution. Not a bad read, but nothing earth shattering either.

I see my world and the universe differently. From a wider perspective. Having a much better understanding how the mechanism of evolution and life works. This book made me think and explore how the continuing complexity of matter and the cooling of the universe changes our work around us. It discusses complex topics in layman terms.

It is an excellent, compact source of most fascinating facts about origins of the Universe, life on Earth and the dawn of humans; easy to read in the form of interviews conducted with selected top French scientists/experts in each field. One may read at the same time more detailed Fred Adams' "Origins of Existence", but Reeves' book is more simplistic. Other important book by Reeves: his classic: "Hour of Our Delight: Cosmic Evolution, Order, and Complexity", still valid after being published in 1991. All three books I highly recommend.

Absent the bias of narrow-minded mankind, this book explains where we came from, how we got here and what our next steps are likely to be. Beautifully explained and thoughtfully presented, it educates any open-minded reader.

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