



The Theory of Evolution: With Special Reference to the Evidence Upon Which It Is Founded (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The Theory of Evolution: With Special Reference to the Evidence Upon Which It Is Founded A new book on evolution, which can lay little claim to novelty of fact or treatment, certainly demands an explanation, if not an apology. My choice of subject for the Westbrook lectures of 1914 was determined by the very general misapprehension in the public mind concerning the present status of the evolutionary theory among men of science. It is widely believed that the theory is an outworn device, which naturalists are beginning to discard and that soon it will have a merely historical interest. This misunderstanding, for such it is, has arisen from the debates among zoologists and botanists as to the manner in which evolution has actually occurred and the efficient causes which have brought it about, and, further, from the ambiguous way in which the term Darwinism is often employed. Frequently, the term is made a synonym of evolution, but it ought properly to be restricted to Darwin's explanation of evolution by natural selection. It seemed that...

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