

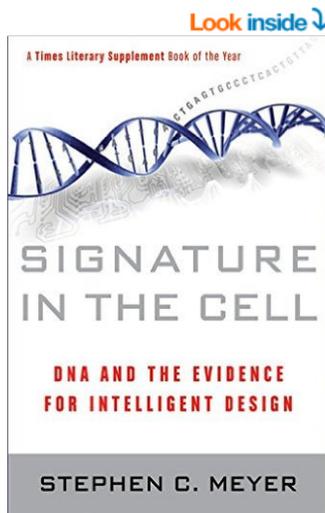
URL: https://www.amazon.com/Signature-Cell-Evidence-Intelligent-Design/dp/00614727 Go [home] [clear cookies]

Options: Encrypt URL Encrypt Page Allow Cookies Remove Scripts Remove Objects

Departments Your Amazon.com Today's Deals Gift Cards & Registry Hello. Sign in Account & Lists Orders Try Prime 0 Cart

Books Advanced Search New Releases Best Sellers The New York Times® Best Sellers Children's Books Textbooks Textbook Rentals Sell Us Your Books

Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Theology



Flip to back



See all 3 images

Signature in the Cell: DNA and the Evidence for Intelligent Design

Paperback – June 22, 2010

by Stephen C. Meyer (Author)

583 customer reviews

See all 12 formats and editions

Kindle
\$12.17

Hardcover
from \$11.99

Paperback
\$11.76

Read with Our Free App

27 Used from \$11.99
8 New from \$58.00

33 Used from
53 New from

Arrives before Christmas. Choose delivery option in checkout.

Read more



Best Books of 2016

Looking for something great to read? Browse our editors' picks for the best books of the year in fiction, nonfiction, mysteries, children's books, and much more.

Share

<Embed>

Buy New **\$11.76**

Qty:

List Price: ~~\$19.99~~
Save: \$8.23 (41%)

FREE Shipping on orders with at least \$25 of books.

In Stock.

Ships from and sold by Amazon.com. Gift-wrap available.

Yes, I want FREE Two-Day Shipping with Amazon Prime

Add to Cart

Turn on 1-Click ordering for this browser

Want it Tuesday, Dec. 20? Order within 10 hrs 24 mins and choose Two-Day Shipping at checkout. Details

Ship to:

Select a shipping address:

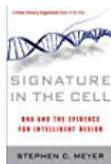
Buy Used **\$9.56**

Add to List

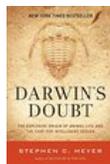
Have one to sell?

Sell on Amazon

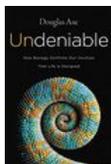
Frequently Bought Together



+



+



Total price: **\$42.27**

Add all three to Cart

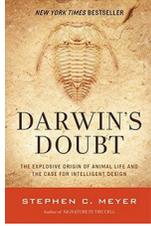
Add all three to List

This item: Signature in the Cell: DNA and the Evidence for Intelligent Design by Stephen C. Meyer Paperback **\$11.76**

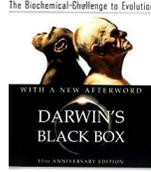
Darwin's Doubt: The Explosive Origin of Animal Life and the Case for Intelligent Design by Stephen C. Meyer Paperback **\$13.33**

Undeniable: How Biology Confirms Our Intuition That Life Is Designed by Douglas Axe Hardcover **\$17.18**

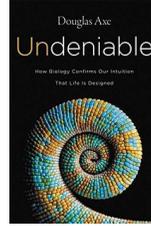
Customers Who Bought This Item Also Bought



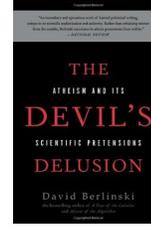
Darwin's Doubt: The Explosive Origin of Animal



Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to



Undeniable: How Biology Confirms Our Intuition That



The Devil's Delusion: Atheism and its Scientific

Editorial Reviews

Review

"Signature in the Cell is a defining work in the discussion of life's origins . . . the powerful case Meyer presents cannot be ignored in any honest debate. . . [T]his book is an engaging, eye-opening, and often eye-popping read" (American Spectator)

"A decisive case based upon breathtaking and cutting-edge science." (Dr. Philip S. Skell, member, National Academy of Sciences, and Evan Pugh Professor Emeritus at Pennsylvania State University)

"A fascinating exploration . . . Whether you believe intelligent design is true or false, Signature in the Cell is a must-read book." (Dr. Scott Turner, professor, environmental and forest biology, State University of New York, and author of The Tinkerer's Accomplish)

"A careful presentation of this fiendishly difficult problem." (Dr. Thomas Nagel, professor, New York University, in the Times Literary Supplement)

From the Back Cover

A Compelling Case for Intelligent Design Based on Revolutionary Discoveries in Science

In *Signature in the Cell*, Stephen Meyer has written the first comprehensive DNA-based argument for intelligent design. As he tells the story of successive attempts to unravel a mystery that Charles Darwin did not address—how did life begin?—Meyer develops the case for this often-misunderstood theory using the same scientific method that Darwin himself pioneered. Offering a fresh perspective on one of the enduring mysteries of modern biology, Meyer convincingly reveals that the argument for intelligent design is not based on ignorance or "giving up on science," but instead on compelling, and mounting, scientific evidence.

[See all Editorial Reviews](#)

Product Details

- Paperback:** 624 pages
- Publisher:** HarperOne; Reprint edition (June 22, 2010)
- Language:** English
- ISBN-10:** 0061472794
- ISBN-13:** 978-0061472794
- Product Dimensions:** 6 x 1.6 x 9 inches
- Shipping Weight:** 2.3 pounds ([View shipping rates and policies](#))
- Average Customer Review:** (583 customer reviews)
- Amazon Best Sellers Rank:** #23,275 in Books ([See Top 100 in Books](#))
 - #7 in [Books](#) > [Christian Books & Bibles](#) > [Theology](#) > [Creationism](#)
 - #15 in [Books](#) > [Medical Books](#) > [Basic Sciences](#) > [Genetics](#)
 - #17 in [Books](#) > [Religion & Spirituality](#) > [Religious Studies](#) > [Science & Religion](#)

kindle matchbook

If you buy a new print edition of this book (or purchased one in the past), you can buy the Kindle edition for only **\$2.99** (Save 79%). Print edition purchase must be sold by Amazon. [Learn more.](#)



New York Times best sellers

Browse the New York Times best sellers in popular categories like Fiction, Nonfiction, Picture Books and more. [See more](#)

Related Video Shorts

A devastating dismantling of rope-a-dope evolutionism



0:22

Customer Review:
A devastating dismantling

More About the Author

[Visit Amazon's Stephen C. Meyer Page](#)

Biography



Dr. Stephen C. Meyer received his Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge in the philosophy of science. A former geophysicist and college professor, he now directs the Center for Science and Culture at the Discovery Institute in Seattle. In 2004, Meyer ignited a firestorm of media and scientific controversy when a biology journal at the Smithsonian Institution published his peer-reviewed scientific article advancing intelligent design. Meyer has been featured on national television and radio programs, including The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, CBS's Sunday Morning, NBC's Nightly News, ABC's World News, Good Morning America, Nightline, FOX News Live, and the

Show More

Customer Reviews

583

4.5 out of 5 stars



Share your thoughts with other customers

Write a customer review

See all verified purchase reviews

Top Customer Reviews

I've read it twice

By M. Spiller on June 11, 2014

Format: Kindle Edition **Verified Purchase**

I'm not a Christian and I certainly don't believe in "creation science" which is often confused with intelligent design. I have spent my life studying science, and all of my degrees are in scientific and medical areas, but I've always been interested in spirituality. It's unfortunate that so many scientists are atheists. Perhaps they have no choice in the matter since they are generally wed to the very narrow perspectives of their scientific specialties. (Others, like Richard Dawkins, are wed to the industry of Atheism.) The Signature in the cell was the first book that I have read that explains in no uncertain terms why the genetic code would be impossible for nature to create by randomly combining primordial molecules. It is a technical book filled with technical facts and statistics that is so interesting that you forget that you are actually learning something. Although it doesn't talk about God or any form of religion or spiritual world, it is difficult to avoid the obvious conclusion that something outside of our material universe had something to do with the very first reproducing organism as well as multiple steps along the way to the evolution of the human species. (Myer himself does not draw any inferences about anything outside of the material universe. He simply draws the conclusion that an intelligent designer is the simplest, and for all practical purposes, the only explanation for the rise of life from a lifeless world.)

If you have studied quantum mechanics, you will have run into the inescapable conclusion that nothing really exists in a determinate state unless it is observed by a conscious observer. Furthermore, you probably have run into Bell's theorem which concludes that locality is something of a myth and that there is no logical connection between the reality we live in every day and quantum reality upon which our material world is based. The theory of quantum mechanics frankly states that consciousness is (and probably was) a primordial property of the universe.

The theory of intelligent design is based upon SCIENCE, and not on theology. It stands upon infinitely firmer ground than the Multiverse which is modern cosmology's latest mathematical/theological attempt to explain the anthropomorphic nature of our world of matter. Read this book if you really want to begin the journey to a rational understanding of how Spirit might actually have a place to live after all!

P.S. I've read the one star reviews. It is obvious that none of these reviewers has actually read the

Customer Images

Most Recent Customer Reviews

Fantastic and revolutionary in my thinking

Fantastic and revolutionary in my thinking. Have waited a lifetime wondering how to be at peace with intelligent design etc.

Published 1 day ago by C.Richard Epes

Four Stars

I am enjoying reading this. I find it very informative.

Published 5 days ago by Erline S Perdue

EVIDENCE FOR THE UNIVERSE EXISTING IN A COMPUTER SIMULATION

Not got this yet, but a video quotes from it. There is little doubt that DNA comes from the computer simulation of our universe.

Published 13 days ago by R. A POKATILOFF

Outstanding Read

Stephen Meyer has written an outstanding book outlining with great detail and clarity the issues that need to be addressed in explaining the origin of life and the specified... [Read more](#)

Published 16 days ago by John D. Newell, Jr., M.D.

book. Out of 429 reviews, only 58 gave it two stars or less, and their comments seemed to have nothing to do with the book's actual content.

67 Comments 208 people found this helpful. Was this review helpful to you? Yes No [Report abuse](#)

Who's signature?

By [David Marshall](#) on December 27, 2009

Format: Hardcover **Verified Purchase**

I come to this book with two peeves, one pet, the other a stray that is beginning to wear out its welcome.

My pet peeve is fanatics who attack ID out of ideological compulsion, rather than using the "think" cells hidden deep within their brains to evaluate and argue. That includes most of the reviewers who gave the book 1 or 2 stars so far. Meyer, we are told, is "lazy," a "creationist," "idiot," "fraud," and "liar" who hawks "error-prone" "snake-oil," "gobbledygook," "pseudo-science." We should read Richard Dawkins new Greatest Show on Earth instead (I did -- it isn't about the origin of life, you numbskulls). One "reviewer" blasts the book after reading four sentences, and gets 69 of 128 "helpful" votes. Another "reviews" the first few pages and calls Meyer a liar.

Hardly any negative reviews even try to point to any scientific errors. Two exceptions: reviews by A Miller and K. M. Sternberg are worth reading. Sternberg's is particularly eloquent. (Though having written a couple books on the historical Jesus, I tend to wonder about the objectivity, awareness, and / or good sense of someone who thinks there is no evidence for the life of Jesus!)

My second peeve is a growing dislike for the way Discovery Institute often packages its arguments. I visited DI a year ago when another ID book came out -- I won't name it, seeing no need to embarrass the author. His presentation essentially said, "Look at all the wonders of creation. How can evolution possibly explain all that?" When Q & A time came, I was the only one to ask any critical questions. "That sounds impressive, but why don't you engage the explanations evolutionary biologists offer for those features?" Like the talk, the book (he gave me a copy) simply ignored detailed arguments.

This book does much better. Meyer's critics to the contrary, he does offer detailed scientific and philosophical arguments. Signature is NOT mainly about evolution per se - it is about the origin of life. It is, therefore, not strictly parallel to Dawkins' books or arguments -- ID is in a sense broader than evolution as a theory, since it seeks to explain things that evolution does not.

My main beef is the book is too long. While many of Meyer's illustrations are interesting, he uses too many, and repeats himself too often. Meyer should chop out some of the remedial 7th Grade biology, cut some stories and the "I was in Akron when I thought A and in Baton Rouge when B occurred to me" stuff, and cut the book in half.

The first-person auto-biographical is overworked. No one thinks you're neutral, Stephen -- so just argue! Don't pretend your conversion to ID was purely scientific -- reasonable people understand that people act under a mixture of motives, and the unreasonable ones are not worth arguing with. Dawkins, Behe, Stephen Hawking, and Darwin for that matter write serious arguments without losing ordinary readers; models that Meyer could profitably shoot for.

But the issue here is the origin of life, and when Meyer finally gets to it, he argues it well, I think. The central chapters seem to cover most of the main issues well. He discusses different solutions, and explains fairly clearly why they do not work, and why some sort of design seems preferable. It is interesting that none of Meyer's critics here dispute those arguments. (Again, Miller and Sternberg come closest, but do not really engage his most important points.) I wish, however, that Meyer had expanded those central chapters, and discussed in more detail leading rival contemporary hypotheses.

Many of his secondary arguments work, too. I suppose one can't complain if a philosopher of science writes a lot about the philosophy of science, and I suppose those arguments are made necessary by attempts to marginalize ID proponents through the sheer power of wordplay. Pardon the self-indulgence, but as I wrote in Truth Behind the New Atheism, in response to Dawkins' attempts to marginalize ID proponents: "David Bohm once defended science as 'openness to evidence.' The best scientist -- or theologian -- is not someone who shouts 'heresy!' when he hears strange views, but one who listens carefully and responds with reason and evidence. When it comes to ultimate questions, 'openness to evidence' is the definition that counts."

Relatively easy to understand

compared to others

Relatively easy to understand compared to others. The subject is very complex and heavy on math. But the author does a good job of making the complex understandable to a... [Read more](#)

Published 25 days ago by bob kerrigan

Holy crap this book is terrible

One of the worst books I have ever read. I had heard radio interviews with this author and, being Christian and also very interested in science, thought this sounded intriguing. [Read more](#)

Published 1 month ago by Mike hargrave

Five Stars

I have read this book and it is great.

Published 1 month ago by LuEtte

Five Stars

Amazing information

Published 2 months ago by texankdc

Exhilarating!

I learned more from this fascinating book than all the science books I've read in the past 10 years. Learning for me is joy. I recommend this book to anyone who seeks the same.

Published 2 months ago by Kent Sorensen

good intelligent discussion.

involved. deep interesting.

Published 2 months ago by sunnydaye

Search Customer Reviews

The scientific evidence is what matters, and I would have liked to have seen more detail on that. Still, all in all, a strong ID perspective on the origin of life.

[349 Comments](#) 1,126 people found this helpful. Was this review helpful to you?

[Report abuse](#)

I think anyone that is adamant against intelligent design will be genuinely stumped by this book and ...

By [Ken](#) on September 3, 2015

Format: Paperback **Verified Purchase**

This book is incredible. It comprehensively lays out its case sticking to the facts. If anyone is considering making this purchase but is wary that religiosity might be injected, you don't have to worry, that aspect is not present in the book. I think anyone that is adamant against intelligent design will be genuinely stumped by this book and will have to reconsider their views. I was against any intelligent design theories before reading this and have made a complete 180. I also bought this book for my brother I liked it so much.

[23 Comments](#) 33 people found this helpful. Was this review helpful to you? [Report](#)

[abuse](#)

What is the Premise of Intelligent Design?

By [Mark \(Greek for "Hammer"\)](#) on February 27, 2010

Format: Hardcover

Stephen Meyer answers this question. But why was the creation of this excellent work necessary? What could motivate Stephen Meyer to make himself (and his family) a target for the inevitable derogation and questioning of his credentials, intellect and character? The simple fact is this; the evolutionists have declared war on any thought not of their origin, indeed academia is generally intolerant of any ideas not of their creation, aggressively intolerant. A recent quote by one of the god's of evolutionary dogma; "It is absolutely safe to say, that if you meet somebody who does not to believe in evolution that person is ignorant, stupid or insane", the tone of this sediment is ubiquitous. That the disagreement between divergent points of view has been passionate is nothing new, the tone and overt antagonism from those with a naturalist view point, perhaps is. The purpose of this tactic is to shut down any discussion or disagreement with their orthodoxy; this to me displays a lack of confidence with the premise of their belief and argument, obfuscation by derogation.

Stephen Meyer not only explains with clarity why what the evolutionists believe is simply not possible or even remotely possible, but gives credible proof of design, intent and purpose in the architecture of cells. The hostility towards Meyer in exposing the inherent flaws in the theory of evolution take a tone of religious zealotry. The false superiority, arrogance and condescension of the vast majority scientist and academics make this work (and others like it) necessary.

This work begins with the concept of what is the best explanation possible for the origin of life based on "historical scientific reasoning". To answer this question Meyer reviews many origin of life theories, specifically relating to DNA and RNA. He dissects each of these theories, the end result for nearly all of these ideas is that they are based on certain amounts of specified information existing as a premise for the subsequent parts of the theory to function, in other words they do not explain or solve the problem of where biological information comes from, but simply displace the problem, I will not bore you with the details of the competing theories. Meyer goes on to give a very detailed (and extremely interesting) probability analysis regarding the possibility for even one functioning protein to come into existence simply by chance at 10/164, to put that number in some kind of perspective, there are only 10/65 atoms in the known universe. Meyer further explains how at least two hundred different kinds of proteins are necessary for the simplest cell to exist, which would then put the probability of one cell existing by chance at 10/41,000, this is an order of magnitude more than the probabilistic resources of the entire universe. He then quotes recent work by James Brook and Gordon Shaw regarding geological and geochemical evidence for the prebiotic atmospheric conditions being friendly or not, for the production of amino acids and other essential building blocks of life. Their work is conclusive, there is no evidence in metamorphosed Precambrian sedimentary rocks that such conditions as envisioned by evolutionist ever existed. This puts the probability for evolutionary theory providing a credible explanation regarding the origin of life at exactly zero. (my words, not his)

He continues on the theme of what provides for the best explanation possible for the origin of life which begins his argument in favor of intelligent design. His discussion develops on what does the evidence suggest? Below is a sample;

"Intelligence is the only known cause of complex functionally integrated information processing system. It follows once again, that intelligent design stands as the best- most causally adequate- explanation for this feature of the cell, just as it stands as the best explanation for the origin of the information present in DNA itself".

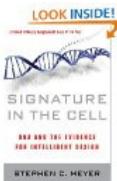
Meyer then concludes his work with a discussion of the "implications" regarding the theory of Intelligent Design, which does after all get to the real problem secularists have with any compromise regarding ID as a scientifically relevant concept. One thing that is particularly well illustrated in the final chapters is that any argument against ID as a legitimate scientific concept apply with equal (perhaps more so) weight against the theory of evolution.

Lastly I would to thank Mr. Meyer for the elevated tone and substance of his latest work, this book contains no vitriol, condescendence, arrogance or anything remotely unpleasant. It does contain well reasoned arguments for his points of view with extensive documentation in the notes and Bibliography. Meyer has taken no cheap shots at the scientists who do not happen to share his point of view, this in marked contrast to the screeds presented to the public as legitimate scientific discussion by the evolutionists. While I at times enjoy returning the fire of evolutionary zealots with a nuclear weapon, Meyer has chosen his words with the upmost care and demonstrated a particular graciousness to those who will not and perhaps cannot reciprocate this courtesy, this in my mind demonstrates the confidence and pure scientific ability bought to this study. I give the highest endorsement possible to the purchase of this worthy publication.

60 Comments 265 people found this helpful. Was this review helpful to you? [Report abuse](#)

[See all verified purchase reviews \(newest first\)](#)

Set up an Amazon Giveaway



Amazon Giveaway allows you to run promotional giveaways in order to create buzz, reward your audience, and attract new followers and customers. [Learn more about Amazon Giveaway](#)

This item: Signature in the Cell: DNA and the Evidence for Intelligent Design

What Other Items Do Customers Buy After Viewing This Item?