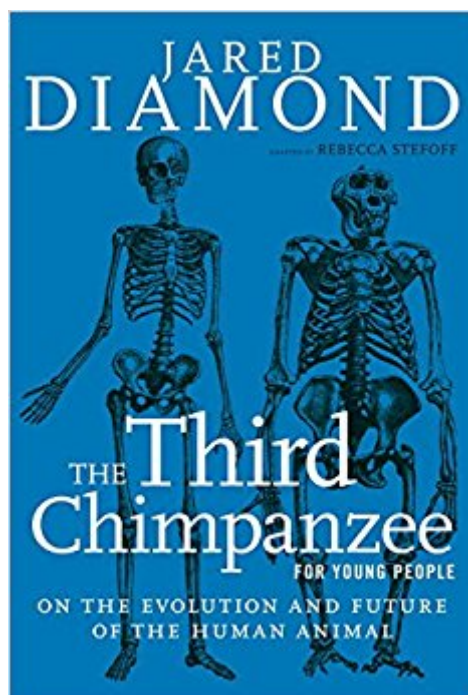




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The Third Chimpanzee For Young People: On The Evolution And Future Of The Human Animal (For Young People Series)



Synopsis

At some point during the last 100,000 years, humans began exhibiting traits and behavior that distinguished us from other animals, eventually creating language, art, religion, bicycles, spacecraft, and nuclear weapons—all within a heartbeat of evolutionary time. Now, faced with the threat of nuclear weapons and the effects of climate change, it seems our innate tendencies for violence and invention have led us to a crucial fork in our road. Where did these traits come from? Are they part of our species immutable destiny? Or is there hope for our species' future if we change? With fascinating facts and his unparalleled readability, Diamond intended his book to improve the world that today's young people will inherit. Triangle Square's The Third Chimpanzee for Young People is a book for future generation and the future they'll help build. — From the Hardcover edition.

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Gr 9 Up—Adapted for younger audiences by the redoubtable Steffoff but not significantly different in scope, arguments, or, for that matter, reading level from Diamond's original (Harper, 1992, 2006), this wide-ranging study of what makes us human offers provocative views of evolution,

adaptation, cultural diffusion, sexuality, genocide, race, mass extinctions of the past and present, the roots of drug abuse and language, and even the search for extraterrestrial intelligence ("we're alone in a crowded universe. Thank goodness!"). The strength of Diamond's views is what makes them provocative, whether he's explaining why we're uniquely among social animals prefer to have sex in private, or portraying the urge to smoke or take dangerous drugs as another manifestation of seemingly anti-survival animal displays, such as the male Bird of Paradise's plumage. A reasonably large array of photos, charts, and period images supply illustrations for what amounts to a comprehensive compendium of current issues. Thoughtful readers interested in any fields related to evolutionary science, anthropology, psychology, human history, and culture will find plenty to ponder. — John Peters, Children's Literature Consultant, New York City --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"This is exactly the kind of book that should be a 'set text' for a reinvigorated science curriculum: engaging, thought-provoking and bang up to the minute. If your teachers aren't recommending books like this - go out and get them anyway." — Guy Claxton, author of *What's the Point of School?* From the Hardcover edition.

I am using this book in my eighth grade social studies class, although I think I will not assign the chapters on alien intelligence or art. [Not because they are not interesting, but because it is too far a stretch for them to work into the class questions.] I think this version of the book will be challenging and accessible for my 13-14 year-old students, and I am hopeful it will supplement healthy class discussions. I can follow up after I have used it a few months....I am not sure most kids would pick up this book on their own [and arguably those who would might be able to handle the adult version], but I am so thankful to have salient thought and good non-fiction writing available to all my middle school students. A good book for the tween/teen who is ready to think deeply about big issues, while not ready for adult social science verbosity quite yet.

Jared Diamond is a renaissance man. His knowledge of medicine, paleontology, ornithology, and conservation make his point of view fascinating. His ideas, theories and conclusions about human evolution are eyeopeners. We are simply a evolved and special chimpanzee with innate natural tendencies such as killing others of our own species. On the other hand, that specialness also allows us to create communicate with complex language and create radios. Kudos Diamond!

Very interesting and very well written as always with Jared Diamond. Well structured and reader-friendly. You never get confused with him as he is always so clear and takes very good and funny examples to help understanding. Beside, he knows what he is talking about, an expert in his field. I would call him a great disciple of Darwin's theory of evolution.

An insightful, and thought provoking look at the subject of the title. Every politician and world leader should be made to read this book.

Everyone should read this book to understand our impact on the planet both past and present.

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I expected something better from Jared Diamond. It is really for very young people.

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