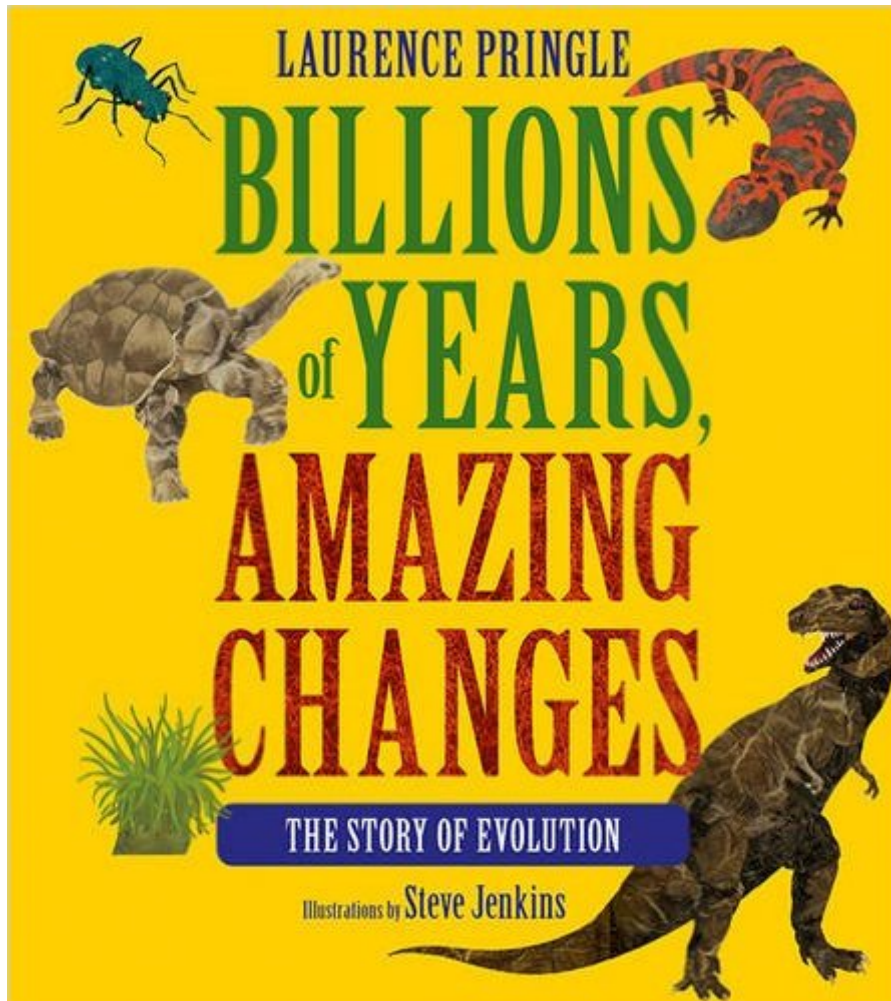


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# Billions Of Years, Amazing Changes: The Story Of Evolution



## Synopsis

Ever since Charles Darwin revealed his landmark ideas about evolution in 1859, new findings have confirmed, expanded, and refined his concepts. Now, author Laurence Pringle, one of the nation's premier science writers, brings together the pillars of evidence that support our understanding of evolution in this ALA Notable Children's Book. Field biology, genetics, geology, paleontology, and medicine all add to the impressive structure of evidence. With a perfect blend of science and art, renowned illustrator Steve Jenkins creates stunning new depictions of important concepts and key evolutionary scientists. More than fifty photographs capture natural marvels, including awe-inspiring fossils, life forms, and geological wonders. The result is a full, clear, and up-to-date account of the monumental evidence supporting the modern view of evolution.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Perfect for my kids to get a clear understanding on the basics behind what evolution is & why it is true. My 3rd grader is reading it without comprehension problems and immediately started drawing her own pictures to accompany her thoughts as she read. I love that a book like this exists for her on this topic, I wish I had it when I was young. For parents looking for a way to introduce their kids to evolution, it's a great choice. And as a bonus...as much as the information is modified to be read

at an elementary level, a lot of adults could stand to read it as a good, basic summary towards accepting the facts about evolution. There is a lot of dis-information being fed to the general (American) public and from my reading, it is a great starting point for conversations and further inquiry with those who may be suffering from extreme cognitive bias :-)

This book has not one word about the glorious creation of man by the Flying Spaghetti Monster (blessed be his noodly appendage)! And that's as it should be. The book clearly presents the overwhelming evidence for the "theory" (in science, not a guess, but a well-supported and tested model or explanation) of evolution by natural selection -- as reliable as the "theory" of gravity. This includes contemporary evolution, notably covering the serious problem of drug-resistant microbes. Unfortunately, Rosalind Franklin's essential contributions towards understanding the double helix structure of DNA were overlooked, as often happens with Watson and Crick getting all the credit. On the other hand, it was good to see Alfred Russel Wallace recognized, along with Darwin, as independently conceiving the theory of evolution through natural selection. All in all, this book could even serve as an accessible introduction for adults.

As he's done so often, Laurence Pringle gives us a highly-readable, straightforward account of the fascinating process that has created us and the world around us. Mostly, he shows us that evolution is not a belief, it's a conclusion based on common sense and overwhelming evidence. I shared this book with my 8 year-old son, and we both loved learning about the many riveting discoveries scientists have made since the time of Darwin. Mr. Pringle shows us that, whoever we are, evolution is not something to be feared, but something to be embraced as THE key element to who we are.

This is one of the best books I've read on evolution for kids. Laurence Pringle has written a book that is easy to understand, with wonderful photos and interesting sidebars. This book should be easy enough for adults who don't understand how evolution works to read.

This book is perfect for my 9 year old grandson who sees the impact of evolution in so many living things, but has a teacher who believes the earth is only 6000 years old. This book is giving him the education he needs. We've been reading it together but he can read it on his own. Excellent book for his age with beautiful photographs to illustrate the examples.

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