

The *Heliconius* butterflies are one of the classic systems in evolutionary biology and have contributed greatly to our understanding of evolution over the last 150 years. Their dramatic radiation and remarkable mimicry have fascinated biologists since the days of Bates, Wallace, and Darwin.

The Ecology and Evolution of Heliconius Butterflies is the first thorough and accessible treatment of the ecology, genetics, and behaviour of these butterflies, exploring how they offer remarkable insights into tropical biodiversity. The book starts by outlining some of the evolutionary questions that *Heliconius* research has helped to address. It then moves on to an overview of the butterflies themselves, including their ecology and behaviour, before focussing on wing pattern evolution and, finally, speciation. Richly illustrated with 32 colour plates, this book makes the extensive scientific literature on *Heliconius* butterflies accessible to a wide audience of students, professional ecologists, evolutionary biologists, entomologists, and amateur collectors.

Jiggins's work shows the possibility, at least, of working some kind of rational narrative into the bewildering variety of form, function, and behaviour in this most enigmatic group of organisms—and by extension, in life on earth in general. I found myself constantly pausing to marvel at the phenomenal ingenuity of nature even in the ordinary, everyday processes we take for granted.
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This book is a really good read, as well as providing an excellent source for every aspect of *Heliconius* biology from basic taxonomy, to behaviour and ecology, and genetics and speciation.
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