

THE CHOSEN SPECIES

The Long March of Human Evolution

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Is modern man the logical conclusion of a long evolutionary journey? Or are humans merely an evolutionary accident? *The Chosen Species* answers these and many other questions about our origins.

Authors Juan Luis Arsuaga and Ignacio Martínez are world-renowned paleoanthropologists and co-directors of the excavations at Atapuerca—a World Heritage Site and Europe's oldest known burial site—where their team discovered a new human species, *Homo antecessor*. Their work has changed the way we see human evolution. Here, the authors draw on their rich experience to provide a fascinating account of our origins. They reconstruct the sequence of events, give an account of how, when, and why man evolved, and draw conclusions based on verifiable facts and well-founded argument. *The Chosen Species* combines scientific rigor with a spellbinding style that will grip readers as they follow the tale to its end.

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