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The Beak of the Finch

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—*Chicago Tribune*

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—*The Economist*

"An invaluable living lesson in evolutionary change."

—*San Diego Union*

"This remarkable book will forever change your sense of the pace of nature—once you've read Weiner's elegant and absorbing account, the world will seem infinitely more fluid, shifting, *alive*."

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"Combines vivid and witty on-the-scene reporting with a sound and evocative explication of Charles Darwin's place in the history of ideas. Succinct and highly readable, *The Beak of the Finch* is science writing of a high order."

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