

Do Lemmings Commit Suicide

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The popular belief that lemmings commit mass suicide is a persistent myth, largely perpetuated by a misconstrued documentary. In reality, these small Arctic rodents experience dramatic population cycles, leading to large-scale migrations where they might accidentally fall off cliffs or into rivers during their determined search for new habitats, not out of any suicidal intent. This fascinating lemming behavior is a natural, albeit sometimes tragic, part of their life cycle.

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Do Lemmings Commit Suicide?

This work is a personal history and apology, written by a small mammal ecologist, for a life spent working on problems for which no dramatic conclusion was reached. The book includes anecdotes and history about Charles Elton and the work at the Bureau of Animal Population at Oxford University.

The Lemming Condition

The wonderful story of Bubber the Lemming that teaches everyone something about conformity and individual values

Suicidal

For much of his thirties, Jesse Bering thought he was probably going to kill himself. He was a successful psychologist and writer, with books to his name and bylines in major magazines. But none of that mattered. The impulse to take his own life remained. At times it felt all but inescapable. Bering survived. And in addition to relief, the fading of his suicidal thoughts brought curiosity. Where had they come from? Would they return? Is the suicidal impulse found in other animals? Or is our vulnerability to suicide a uniquely human evolutionary development? In *Suicidal*, Bering answers all these questions and more, taking us through the science and psychology of suicide, revealing its cognitive secrets and the subtle tricks our minds play on us when we're easy emotional prey. Scientific studies, personal stories, and remarkable cross-species comparisons come together to help readers critically analyze their own doomsday thoughts while gaining broad insight into a problem that, tragically, will most likely touch all of us at some point in our lives. But while the subject is certainly a heavy one, Bering's touch is light. Having been through this himself, he knows that sometimes the most effective response to our darkest moments is a gentle humor, one that, while not denying the seriousness of suffering, at the same time

acknowledges our complicated, flawed, and yet precious existence. Authoritative, accessible, personal, profound—there's never been a book on suicide like this. It will help you understand yourself and your loved ones, and it will change the way you think about this most vexing of human problems.

The Scientific Outlook

Russell's thinking on the promise and threat of scientific progress. Considers questions fundamental to an understanding of science and includes brilliant discussions of scientific figures, including Aristotle, Galileo and Darwin.

Why Evolution is True

For all the discussion in the media about creationism and 'Intelligent Design', virtually nothing has been said about the evidence in question - the evidence for evolution by natural selection. Yet, as this succinct and important book shows, that evidence is vast, varied, and magnificent, and drawn from many disparate fields of science. The very latest research is uncovering a stream of evidence revealing evolution in action - from the actual observation of a species splitting into two, to new fossil discoveries, to the deciphering of the evidence stored in our genome. Why Evolution is True weaves together the many threads of modern work in genetics, palaeontology, geology, molecular biology, anatomy, and development to demonstrate the 'indelible stamp' of the processes first proposed by Darwin. It is a crisp, lucid, and accessible statement that will leave no one with an open mind in any doubt about the truth of evolution.

Consider the Lemming

From the award-winning children's book duo, Jeanne and William Steig, comes a wildly wily collection of poetry all about the...peculiarities...of the animal kingdom! Consider the lemming: No hawing or hemming No dilly or dally No silly or shally The whole lemming nation In one wild migration Is off to the sea. In this sly and hilarious collection of illustrated verse about the animal kingdom—from the lemming to the human—critically acclaimed author/illustrator duo Jeanne and William Steig introduce readers to the foibles of all kinds of creatures. And you'll never look at animals quite the same way ever again!

Memoir of a Thinking Radish

"He's tart, tough-minded, terribly British...an imposing grand master of aphorism, argument and lightning-bolt one-liners," wrote Newsweek of Sir Peter Medawar, the Nobel Prize-winning immunologist and renowned author. In this incisive and witty memoir, Sir Peter describes his exceptional life -- his early days in Rio de Janeiro, Oxford in the 1930s, the rewards and frustrations of his medical career, his musical education, his family, travels, and more. A delight to read, this highly personal account illuminates the life of one of the most engaging and impressive men of our time.

Understanding Suicide

In this book international experts address a range of key current issues relating to suicide. The opening chapters discuss nosology, definitions, clinical determinants, and conceptual models of the suicide process and consider the evidence regarding potential biomarkers of suicide risk based on neuroscientific research. Adopting a neo-Durkheimian perspective, the role of various social factors in the genesis of suicidal behavior is then explored in depth. Practical user-friendly tools that facilitate risk assessment by clinicians are provided, and detailed consideration is given to efficient and innovative strategies for the prevention of suicide and the treatment of suicidal behavior, such as psychotherapy, psychopharmacological approaches, and effective organization of care, including surveillance and the use of online tools. The final part of the book focuses on the need for and development of a personalized approach within the field of suicide prevention.

Curious Creatures

Filled with humorous and thought-provoking poems, this collection introduces young readers to some of the world's oddest animals including the earthworm, the echidna, the flying paradise snake of Borneo, and Western Australia's quokka. Buttressed with bright, lively illustrations, each poem is filled with intriguing facts about each animal, including the strangest of all creatures: man.

Adaptive Intelligence

High IQs don't improve the world. Adaptive intelligence does, because it prioritizes the common good over individual success.

Complex Population Dynamics

Why do organisms become extremely abundant one year and then seem to disappear a few years later? Why do population outbreaks in particular species happen more or less regularly in certain locations, but only irregularly (or never at all) in other locations? Complex population dynamics have fascinated biologists for decades. By bringing together mathematical models, statistical analyses, and field experiments, this book offers a comprehensive new synthesis of the theory of population oscillations. Peter Turchin first reviews the conceptual tools that ecologists use to investigate population oscillations, introducing population modeling and the statistical analysis of time series data. He then provides an in-depth discussion of several case studies—including the larch budmoth, southern pine beetle, red grouse, voles and lemmings, snowshoe hare, and ungulates—to develop a new analysis of the mechanisms that drive population oscillations in nature. Through such work, the author argues, ecologists can develop general laws of population dynamics that will help turn ecology into a truly quantitative and predictive science. Complex Population Dynamics integrates theoretical and empirical studies into a major new synthesis of current knowledge about population dynamics. It is also a pioneering work that sets the course for ecology's future as a predictive science.

The Evolution of Suicide

"[A] fascinating read... Contrary to what the title might suggest, this is an upbeat exploration of suicide with a positive message." --Jeanine Connor, Therapy Today, December, 2018 This thought-provoking volume offers a distinctly human evolutionary analysis of a distinctly human phenomenon: suicide. Its 'pain and brain' model posits animal adaptations as the motivator for suicidal escape, and specific human cognitive adaptations as supplying the means, while also providing a plausible explanation for why only a relatively small number of humans actually take their own lives. The author hypothesizes two types of anti-suicide responses, active and reactive mechanisms prompted by the brain as suicide deterrents. Proposed as well is the intriguing prospect that mental disorders such as depression and addiction, long associated with suicidality, may serve as survival measures. Among the topics covered:

- Suicide as an evolutionary puzzle.
- The protection against suicide afforded to animals and young children.
- Suicide as a by-product of pain and human cognition.
- Why psychodynamic defenses regulate the experiencing of painful events.
- Links between suicidality and positive psychology.
- The anti-suicide role of spiritual and religious belief.

In raising and considering key questions regarding this most controversial act, *The Evolution of Suicide* will appeal to researchers across a range of behavioral science disciplines. At the same time, the book's implications for clinical intervention and prevention will make it useful among mental health professionals and those involved with mental health policy.

Mårbacka

Discusses and refutes common misconceptions and myths that have become accepted beliefs, covering topics ranging from history and science to the arts, sports, and entertainment.

Amazing... But False!

Discusses the possible costs associated with the overemphasis on selfhood.

Escaping The Self

Transgressive fiction authors write stories some are afraid to tell. Stories with taboo subjects, unique voices, shocking images—nothing safe or dry. *Burnt Tongues* is a collection of transgressive stories selected by a rigorous nomination and vetting process and hand-selected by Chuck Palahniuk, author of *Fight Club*, as the best of The Cult workshop. These stories run the gamut from horrific and fantastic to humorous and touching, but each leaves a lasting impression. Some may say even a scar.

Burnt Tongues

Lichen is a young Lemming who has heard that Lemmings throw themselves off cliffs to commit mass suicide. She really doesn't want to do that! So she asks her Grandpa why Lemmings are thought to do it. You can join Lichen as her Grandpa tells the Lay of the Lemmings, a saga transporting us back

to the Viking days when animals and men got along better, and when the adventures of two young Lemmings, two young Men Pups and some rat friends reveal the truth! There is friendship, excitement, boldness, sadness and adventure in the Fjords of Norway, but absolutely no soppy bits.

The Truth about Lemmings

"Provides insight into the inner workings of your inner critic and teaches you how to put it in its place"--Back cover.

Shut Your Monkey

This Open Access book explores questions such as why and how did the first biological cells appear? And then complex organisms, brains, societies and –now– connected human societies? Physicists have good models for describing the evolution of the universe since the Big Bang, but can we apply the same concepts to the evolution of aggregated matter –living matter included? The Amazing Journey analyzes the latest results in chemistry, biology, neuroscience, anthropology and sociology under the light of the evolution of intelligence, seen as the ability of processing information. The main strength of this book is using just two concepts used in physics –information and energy– to explain: The emergence and evolution of life: procaryotes, eukaryotes and complex organisms The emergence and evolution of the brain The emergence and evolution of societies (human and not) Possible evolution of our "internet society" and the role that Artificial Intelligence is playing

The Amazing Journey of Reason

****AS HEARD ON BBC RADIO 4**** 'A master nature writer' (New York Times) provides the ultimate natural, social and cultural history of the Arctic landscape. The author of Horizon's classic work explores the Arctic landscape and the hold it continues to exert on our imagination. WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY ROBERT MACFARLANE Lopez's journey across our frozen planet is a celebration of the Arctic in all its guises. A hostile landscape of ice, freezing oceans and dazzling skylscapes. Home to millions of diverse animals and people. The stage to massive migrations by land, sea and air. The setting of epic exploratory voyages. In crystalline prose, Lopez captures the magic of the Arctic: the essential mystery and beauty of a continent that has enchanted man's imagination and ambition for centuries. 'The Arctic dreamland seen and described by a writer of rare perception and poetic descriptive power... The pages sparkle with Arctic light' Scotsman

Arctic Dreams

Frankfurt am Main, in common with other imperial German cities, enjoyed a large degree of legal autonomy during the early modern period, and produced a unique and rich body of criminal archives. In particular, Frankfurt's Strafenbuch, which records all criminal sentences between 1562 and 1696, provides a fascinating insight into contemporary penal trends. Drawing on this and other rich resources, Dr. Boes reveals shifting and fluid attitudes towards crime and punishment and how these were conditioned by issues of gender, class, and social standing within the city's establishment. She attributes a significant role in this process to the steady proliferation of municipal advocates, jurists trained in Roman Law, who wielded growing legal and penal prerogatives. Over the course of the book, it is demonstrated how the courts took an increasingly hard line with select groups of people accused of criminal behavior, and the open manner with which advocates exercised cultural, religious, racial, gender, and sexual-orientation repressions. Parallel with this, however, is identified a trend of marked leniency towards soldiers who enjoyed an increasingly privileged place within the judicial system. In light of this discrepancy between the treatment of civilians and soldiers, the advocates' actions highlight the emergence and spread of a distinct military judicial culture and Frankfurt's city council's contribution to the quasi-militarization of a civilian court. By highlighting the polarized and changing ways the courts dealt with civilian and military criminals, a fuller picture is presented not just of Frankfurt's sentencing and penal practices, but of broader attitudes within early modern Germany to issues of social position and cultural identity.

Crime and Punishment in Early Modern Germany

'Lively, thought-provoking and consistently surprising. Lydia Pyne is the real deal.' Ed Yong, author of New York Times bestseller I Contain Multitudes Does an authentic Andy Warhol painting need to be painted by Andy Warhol? Why do audiences feel outraged when they find out that scenes from

their beloved blockbuster documentaries are staged? Can people move past assuming that a diamond grown in a lab is a fake? What happens when a forged painting or manuscript becomes more valuable than its original? This is a book about genuine fakes – the curious and complex objects that provoke these very sorts of questions. Genuine fakes fall into the space between things that are real and things that are not; whether or not we think that those things are authentic is a matter of perspective. Unsurprisingly, the world is full of genuine fakes – full of things that defy simple categorisation. From stories of audacious forgeries to feats of technological innovation, historian Lydia Pyne explores how the authenticity of eight genuine fakes depends on their unique combinations of history, science and culture. The stories of art forgeries, fake fossils, nature documentaries, synthetic flavours, museum exhibits, Maya codices and Palaeolithic replicas show that genuine fakes are both complicated and change over time. Drawing from historical archives, interviews, museum exhibits and science fiction as well as her own research, Pyne brings each genuine fake to life through unexpected and often outrageous stories. *Genuine Fakes* will make readers think about all the unreal things they encounter in their daily lives, and why they invoke the reactions – surprise, wonder, understanding or annoyance – that they do.

Genuine Fakes

Despite its obvious advantages, our ability to be self-reflective comes at a high price. Few people realize how profoundly their lives are affected by self-reflection or how frequently inner chatter interferes with their success, pollutes their relationships with others, and undermines their happiness. By allowing people to ruminate about the past or imagine what might happen in the future, self-reflection conjures up a great deal of personal suffering in the form of depression, anxiety, anger, jealousy, and other negative emotions. A great deal of unhappiness, in the form of addictions, overeating, and domestic violence, is due to people's inability to exert control over their thoughts and behavior. Is it possible to direct our self-reflection in a way that will minimize the disadvantages and maximize the advantages? Is there a way to affect the egotistical self through self-reflection? In this volume, Mark Leary explores the personal and social problems that are created by the capacity for self-reflection, and by drawing upon psychology and other behavioral sciences, offers insights into how these problems can be minimized.

The Curse of the Self

A detective investigates a psychic's deadly predictions in the iconic novel from "the supreme master of suspense" that inspired the classic film (The New York Times Book Review). In Woolrich's iconic tale, Detective Tom Shawn saves a lovely young woman from a suicide attempt one night, and later hears her story. She is in despair because the death of her wealthy father has been predicted by a confidence man seemingly gifted with the power of clairvoyance; a man whose predictions have unerringly aided her father in his business many times before. Shawn and a squad of detectives investigate this dire prediction and try to avert the millionaire businessman from meeting his ordained end at the stroke of midnight. One of Cornell Woolrich's most influential novels, this classic noir tale of a man struggling with his ability to see the future is arguably the author's best in its depiction of a doomed vision of predestination.

Night Has a Thousand Eyes

"Animal Behavior: Concepts, Methods, and Applications, takes a conceptual approach that highlights the process of science and the real-world applications of animal behavior research"--

Animal Behavior

The Financial Crisis Inquiry Report, published by the U.S. Government and the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission in early 2011, is the official government report on the United States financial collapse and the review of major financial institutions that bankrupted and failed, or would have without help from the government. The commission and the report were implemented after Congress passed an act in 2009 to review and prevent fraudulent activity. The report details, among other things, the periods before, during, and after the crisis, what led up to it, and analyses of subprime mortgage lending, credit expansion and banking policies, the collapse of companies like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and the federal bailouts of Lehman and AIG. It also discusses the aftermath of the fallout and our current state. This report should be of interest to anyone concerned about the financial situation in the U.S. and around the world. THE FINANCIAL CRISIS INQUIRY COMMISSION is an independent, bi-partisan, government-appointed panel of 10 people that was created to "examine the causes, domestic and

global, of the current financial and economic crisis in the United States." It was established as part of the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009. The commission consisted of private citizens with expertise in economics and finance, banking, housing, market regulation, and consumer protection. They examined and reported on "the collapse of major financial institutions that failed or would have failed if not for exceptional assistance from the government." News Dissector DANNY SCHECHTER is a journalist, blogger and filmmaker. He has been reporting on economic crises since the 1980's when he was with ABC News. His film *In Debt We Trust* warned of the economic meltdown in 2006. He has since written three books on the subject including *Plunder: Investigating Our Economic Calamity* (Cosimo Books, 2008), and *The Crime Of Our Time: Why Wall Street Is Not Too Big to Jail* (Disinfo Books, 2011), a companion to his latest film *Plunder The Crime Of Our Time*. He can be reached online at www.newsdissector.com.

The Financial Crisis Inquiry Report

Includes full descriptions of all Donald Duck, Mickey Mouse, Pluto, and Goofy cartoons; the story of Mickey's birth; the Disney Channel Premiere films and Disney television shows; the Disney parks; Disney Academy Awards and Emmy Awards; the Mouseketeers throughout the years; and details of Disney company personnel and primary actors.

Disney A to Z

A comprehensive overview of the evolution of video games covering topics such as, "Atari revolution;" "rise of cartridge-based consoles;" American video game industry; international video game industry; "Apple Mac;" "Nintendo Entertainment System;" Sega video games; PlayStation video games; and "girl gaming."

Replay

BLIMEY! It's something all pirates are taught when they're very young, but too many forget: never get on the wrong side of a librarian. Especially if the librarian is a lemming! The bookish Sylvester Lemmington simply wants to hunt down the facts. Everyone else just seem more interested in hunting down Sylvester. Especially so, after he becomes the accidental owner of the most sought-after treasure map of all time. Now, Sylvester must deal with the humdrum of pirate life - voodoo magic, cannibals, lethal carnivores, mutinies and magical treasures. 'The Tides of Avarice is a Treasure Island meets Redwall romp and just too darn much fun to put down' -Foreword Reviews 'The book reminded me of Terry Pratchett and I couldn't help chuckling as I read' -Madhouse Family Reviews 'It is constantly inventive, full of edge-of-the-seat excitement and did I mention that it is also hilariously funny?' -John Grant, Hugo and World Fantasy Award Winning author

The Tides of Avarice: A Sagaria Legend

From its creation by Charles Elton in 1932 to its demise when he retired in 1967, the Bureau of Animal Population at Oxford was a mecca for ecologists from around the world. Crowcroft provides an anecdotal history of this small research institute that so strongly influenced the development of modern animal ecology. "[This] is a very good account of the work and personal interactions of a group that played an important part in the development of animal ecology in the period 1930-60."—John Krebs, TREE

Elton's Ecologists

What terrible secret has driven the world's foremost historian of the Knights Templar to kill himself? Journalist Adam Blackwood has just been handed the story of a lifetime: something is hidden in the famous Knights Templar chapel of Rosslyn that could unlock the greatest mystery of the medieval Templars—until the one man who could decipher the final clue commits a grotesque suicide. Adam sets out to learn why. In Peru, anthropologist Jess Silverton is researching the remnants of the Moche, a bloodthirsty, sexually voracious, lost Stone Age civilization. Amid the toxic turmoil of local gangs and corrupt politicians, her dogged pursuit for answers will lead Jess to cross paths with Adam as they unearth the ancient secret that enthralled the conquistadors, horrified the Church, and is threatening to reemerge—with catastrophic consequences.

The Babylon Rite

When mouse widow Mrs. Frisby needs advice on how to move her children safely, she consults the rats who live under the rosebush. Not only do they help her, they tell her of their escape from a laboratory where experimentation had made them literate, and of the brave death of her husband. Newbery Medal; ALA Notable Children's Book; "Horn Book" Fanfare Book.

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh

'An excellent book, the most objective short account I know of all the various approaches to depression.' Anthony Storr Several years ago, Lewis Wolpert had a severe episode of depression. Despite a happy marriage and successful scientific career, he could think only of suicide. When he did recover, he became aware of the stigma attached to depression - and just how difficult it was to get reliable information. With characteristic candour and determination he set about writing this book, an acclaimed investigation into the causes and treatments of depression, which formed the basis for a BBC TV series. This paperback edition features a new introduction, in which Wolpert discusses the reaction to his book and BBC series, and recounts his own recurring struggle with depression.

Malignant Sadness

An anthropologist proves that animals really do experience emotions, describing through a number of specific cases how elephants, housecats and baboons exhibited signs of grieving upon experiencing a loss of a mate, sibling or child.

How Animals Grieve

In *The Age of Wire and String* Ben Marcus welds together a new reality from the scrapheap of the past. Dogs, birds, horses, automobiles and the weather are some of the recycled elements in Marcus's first collection - part fiction, part handbook - as familiar objects take on markedly unfamiliar meanings. Gradually, this makeshift world, in its defiance of the laws of physics and language, finds a foundation in its own implausibility, as Marcus produces new feelings and sensations - both comic and disturbing - in the definitive guide to an unpredictable yet exhilarating plane of existence.

The Age of Wire and String

From the 1970s through the mid-1980s, the Chicago Outfit dominated organized crime in Las Vegas. To ensure the smooth flow of cash, the gangsters installed a front man with no criminal background, Allen R. Glick, as the casino owner of record, Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal as the real boss of casino operations, and Tony Spilotro as the ultimate enforcer, who'd do whatever it took to protect their interests. It wasn't long before Spilotro, also in charge of Vegas street crime, was known as the "King of the Strip." Federal and local law enforcement, recognizing the need to rid the casinos of the mob and shut down Spilotro's rackets, declared war on organized crime. *The Battle for Las Vegas* relates the story of the fight between the tough guys on both sides, told in large part by the agents and detectives who knew they had to win.

The Battle for Las Vegas

The battle of Verdun lasted ten months. It was a battle in which at least 700,000 men fell, along a front of fifteen miles. Its aim was less to defeat the enemy than bleed him to death and a battleground whose once fertile terrain is even now a haunted wilderness. Alistair Horne's classic work, continuously in print for over fifty years, is a profoundly moving, sympathetic study of the battle and the men who fought there. It shows that Verdun is a key to understanding the First World War to the minds of those who waged it, the traditions that bound them and the world that gave them the opportunity.

The Price of Glory

Hailed by many as the major experimental novel of the post-war period, *Gravity's Rainbow* is a bizarre comic masterpiece in which linguistic virtuosity creates a whole other world.

Gravity's Rainbow

What do you do? Tim Ferriss has trouble answering the question. Depending on when you ask this controversial Princeton University guest lecturer, he might answer: "I race motorcycles in Europe." "I ski in the Andes." "I scuba dive in Panama." "I dance tango in Buenos Aires." He has spent more than five years learning the secrets of the New Rich, a fast-growing subculture who has abandoned

the “deferred-life plan” and instead mastered the new currencies—time and mobility—to create luxury lifestyles in the here and now. Whether you are an overworked employee or an entrepreneur trapped in your own business, this book is the compass for a new and revolutionary world. Join Tim Ferriss as he teaches you: • How to outsource your life to overseas virtual assistants for \$5 per hour and do whatever you want • How blue-chip escape artists travel the world without quitting their jobs • How to eliminate 50% of your work in 48 hours using the principles of a forgotten Italian economist • How to trade a long-haul career for short work bursts and frequent “mini-retirements” • What the crucial difference is between absolute and relative income • How to train your boss to value performance over presence, or kill your job (or company) if it’s beyond repair • What automated cash-flow “muses” are and how to create one in 2 to 4 weeks • How to cultivate selective ignorance—and create time—with a low-information diet • What the management secrets of Remote Control CEOs are • How to get free housing worldwide and airfare at 50–80% off • How to fill the void and create a meaningful life after removing work and the office You can have it all—really. From the Hardcover edition.

The 4-Hour Workweek

Lemmings all look alike, sound alike, and act alike, except for Larry who uses his independent mind to teach the other group how to use their brains and stop making terrible group decisions.

Leaping Lemmings!