



11 Explorations into Life on Earth

Christmas Lectures from the Royal Institution

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Following on from the success of *13 Journeys Through Space and Time*, which took us on a voyage of astronomical discovery through past Christmas Lectures given at the Royal Institution on space and space exploration, this book turns our attention to our own planet and the animals, plants, fish, insects and all the other living things that inhabit it – how they've evolved and the vital roles they play in the intricate webs of life on earth.

Taking eleven of the most exciting and revealing Christmas Lectures on the natural world given at the Royal Institution, including Sir David Attenborough's animal-packed Lectures from 1977 and Richard Dawkins's explosive series on the evolution of life, we take an illuminating look at more than a hundred years of scientific exploration to discover the origins of life on our planet and the mysteries so far uncovered.

Sales Points

- With a foreword by veteran broadcaster and naturalist Sir David Attenborough
- Including the famous Christmas Lectures given by Sir David Attenborough ('The Language of Animals'), Richard Dawkins ('Growing Up in the Universe'), Desmond Morris ('Animal Behaviour') and Julian Huxley ('Rare Animals and the Disappearance of Wildlife')
- Following on from *13 Journeys Through Space and Time*, which has sold over 12,000 copies since publication in November 2016
- Dr Helen Scales is an articulate and very promotable writer and marine biologist. As well as teaching marine biology at Cambridge University, she regularly writes features for magazines and newspapers, appears on radio and has written a number of books. Helen is available for PR
- If you enjoyed the hugely successful *Seven Brief Lessons on Physics* by Carlo Rovelli then you will love this too

Author Biography

Dr Helen Scales is a marine biologist, broadcaster and writer, appearing regularly on BBC Radio 4, Sky News and the BBC World Service. She is also scientific advisor to the charity Sea Changers, a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a tutor at the University of Cambridge. Her most recent book, *Spirals in Time*, was chosen as a book of the year by the *Guardian*, *The Times* and the *Economist*, and as Book of the Week on Radio 4.

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