

Three Books About Darwin

(Editor's Note: The report on Leakey and Lewin's annotated and edited *Origin of Species* in our Fall 2005 issue suggested that the best defense against attacks on the teaching of evolution by advocates of "Intelligent Design" might be Darwin himself. Since then, three books addressing three different facets of the issue and meriting consideration have appeared, and we review them for you here. One, a compact biography, establishes the merits of Darwin's case by telling his story. A second seeks to establish a dialogue between the ideas of evolution and those of Christianity, the religious practice of most Intelligent Design advocates. Yet a third subtitled itself "The Case Against Intelligent Design" and addresses the issue much like a lawyer in court, although it, too, offers a synthesis whereby religion and science can peacefully coexist at the end. Many readers may have a preferred approach to defending evolution against the attacks of Intelligent Design advocates. If you have any particularly strong thoughts on the matter, e-mail them to me at <JLRoeder@aol.com>. Perhaps we can start a dialogue of our own.)