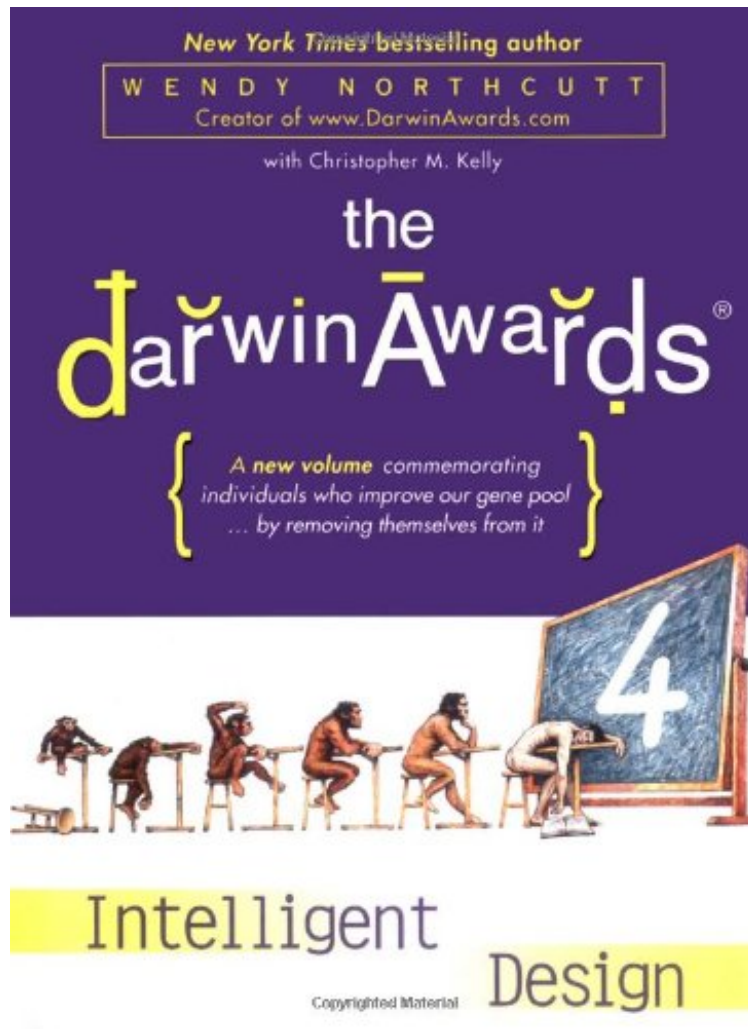


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Improving the Genome, One Miscalculation at a Time By M. Michelle Hutchinson Everyone knows about the Darwin Awards, I assume. The term 'Darwin Award' refers to those who improve the human gene pool by removing themselves and their personal genome from it, and the ways they find to do so are mind-bogglingly varied and inventive. My favorite, later discovered to be apocryphal, was the one about the fellow in the American SW who attached a JATO rocket to his car. However, if slightly less dramatic, the average Darwin Award winner is no less amazing in his thought processes. I bought this for a friend, who promptly spent the rest of Christmas evening deeply immersed in it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By JLSL Great product 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Customer Funny book!

All-new tales from the shallow end of the gene pool Named after Charles Darwin, the father of evolution, The Darwin Awards pays homage to those who improve our gene pool . . . by removing themselves from it. Most of us know instinctively that igniting a blasting cap in our mouth is a recipe for disaster. Darwin Award winners do not. Most of us have basic sound judgment that eliminates the need for no smoking signs at ammo dumps. Darwin Award winners do not. Whether it's head-butting motorcyclists, thallium-snorting soldiers, or hatchet-wielding men who mistake a body part for a chicken neck, there's no shortage of creative Darwin Award winners. There's a reason the instructions say, "Don't heat your lava lamp on the stove." Only a Darwin Award winner would learn the fatal reason why. Filled with over a hundred new tales of evolution in action, science essays by guest writers, and a parody research paper supporting Intelligent Design, The Darwin Awards 4 shows that when it comes to common sense, natural selection still has a long way to go.

celebration of those who have 'improved our gene pool by removing themselves from it in a sublimely idiotic fashion.' --AudioFile Magazine
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A graduate of UC Berkeley with a degree in molecular biology, Wendy Northcutt began writing the Darwin Awards in 1993. The Darwin Awards have been profiled in USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, NPR's All Things Considered, and on Late Night with Conan O'Brien. Wendy is the author of the international bestsellers The Darwin Awards: Evolution in Action, The Darwin Awards 2: Unnatural Selection, and The Darwin Awards 3: Survival of the Fittest. Christopher M. Kelly is a graduate of Stanford University. After several years working at Apple and consulting for other computer companies, he wrote the cult favorite, It's Okay to Be Happy. From AudioFile
The fourth in a series of such books by the author, this seamless abridgment reports the antics of real individuals who have acted so stupidly that they sometimes die, thus removing themselves from the reproductive chain. Starting a paper fire under a car engine that is too cold to start, snowmobiling across water, blowing up outhouses, idiotic gun mishaps--these true stories are sometimes funny, sometimes sad. They are told alternately by the two narrators, whose pacing and phrasing serve the material well. Patrick Lawlor Girard's energetic performance includes foreign accents that work more often than not. His vocal skill and reportorial urgency make co-narrator Julie Schaller sound too innocent or casual by comparison. T.W. © AudioFile 2007, Portland, Maine--
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