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CHARLES DARWIN

ORIGINS AND ARGUMENTS

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SALES POINTS:

- 2009 is the 150th anniversary of the publication of *On the Origin of Species* and the 200th anniversary of Darwin's birth
- Publication scheduled to coincide with the major Darwin retrospective scheduled for Autumn '08 at the Natural History Museum
- Price covers the origins of Darwin's work and the arguments that still rage about it

MARKETING:

- Coverage planned for *History Today*, *BBC History Magazine*, *Focus*, *New Scientist*, *Nature* and *New Humanist Magazine*
- National and regional Radio appearances
- Bill Price will be providing editorial material on Darwin's impact to the National Press at the time of Darwin's anniversary

DESCRIPTION:

The publication of *The Origin of Species* in 1859 was the culmination of more than twenty years of work by Charles Darwin and the ideas he presented in it would lead to a fundamental change in the way we think about life on earth. Evolution, as it came to be known, described how the extraordinary variety of life could develop and adapt by natural means rather than being entirely the creation of a supreme being. It was controversial at the time and now, as the bicentenary of Darwin's birth approaches in 2009, it remains the subject of bitter argument, with the opposing sides of the debate, the supporters of Darwinian evolution like Richard Dawkins and the proponents of intelligent design, as polarised as they have ever been. Bill Price looks at the origins of Darwin's theory and the arguments that have surrounded it ever since.

BIOGRAPHY:

Bill Price grew up on a farm in Herefordshire, not far from Hay-on-Wye. He worked in the book trade in Hay and London for almost twenty years and is now a freelance writer, with a particular interest in archaeology and ancient history. He is the author of Pocket Essentials on *Tutankhamun: Egypt's Most Famous Pharaoh* and *Celtic Myths*.

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