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Scope and Purpose

Evolutionary Studies in Imaginative Culture publishes scholarly and scientific articles and reviews on every aspect of cultural imagination: literature, film, theater, television, music, religion, the visual arts, video games, and other media. Works of imaginative culture would include both canonical and popular forms of literature, art, and other media, comics, fads and fashions, hobby groups, sports cultures, creative non-fiction, and the imaginative manifestations of politics, ethnicity, ideology, religion, and other forms of group identity. Articles are written in English, but subject matter can include works from any language and any historical period.

The central qualification for contributing to the journal is to regard works of imaginative culture as arising out of human nature—the evolved and adapted character of the human mind. While sharing a common concern with locating cultural products in human nature, contributors can focus on divergent or multiple features of cultural artifacts: their depicted content, emotional qualities, or structural and stylistic features; aesthetic and intellectual traditions; the responses of readers or viewers; the motives and character of authors or other artists; the ecological and sociopolitical context within which imaginative works are produced; or the psychological or social functions the works fulfill.

The journal is open to theoretical essays, interpretations of individual works or groups of works, and empirical, quantitative studies of imaginative cultural products.

Books under review can include contributions to fields such as literary Darwinism, evolutionary aesthetics, cognitive rhetoric, cognitive media studies, neuroaesthetics, and evolutionary studies of religion, society, and politics. Reviewers commenting on books in the evolutionary social sciences would typically consider the way the subjects of those books have a bearing on imaginative culture.

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**Book:**

Dissanayake, Ellen. 2000. *Art and Intimacy: How the Arts Began*. Seattle: University of Washington Press.

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Saunders, Judith P. 2007. “Male Reproductive Strategies in Sherwood Anderson’s ‘The Untold Lie.’” *Philosophy and Literature* 31 (2): 311–22.

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Hunzaker, M. B. Fallin. 2016. “Cultural Sentiments and Schema-Consistency Bias in Information Transmission.” *American Sociological Review* 81:1223–50. doi:10.1177/0003122416671742.

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**Chapter in an edited book:**

Tooby, John, and Leda Cosmides. 1992. “The Psychological Foundations of Culture.” In *The Adapted Mind: Evolutionary Psychology and the Generation of Culture*, edited by Jerome H. Barkow, Leda Cosmides, and John Tooby, 19–136. New York: Oxford University Press.

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Saunders, Judith P. 2007. “Male Reproductive Strategies in Sherwood Anderson’s ‘The Untold Lie.’” *Philosophy and Literature* 31 (2): 311–22. doi:10.1353/phl.2007.0031

———. 2010a. “Benjamin Franklin’s Autobiography: The Story of a Successful Social Animal.” *Politics and Culture* 1. <http://politicsandculture.org/2010/04/29/benjamin-franklins-autobiography-the-story-of-a-successful-social-animal/>.

———. 2010b. “Paternal Confidence in Zora Neale Hurston’s ‘The Gilded Six-Bits.’” In *Evolution, Literature, and Film: A Reader*, edited by Brian Boyd, Joseph Carroll, and Jonathan Gottschall, 392–408. New York: Columbia University Press.

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**Numerals and Letters:**

Spell out numbers from one through nine, then use numerals: “Two out of three participants agreed that the statements were more true than false.”

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Indicate percentage using the % sign: “Although 49% of the respondents agreed that the statements were more true than false, the other 51% marked the statements as not just ‘somewhat false’ but as ‘absolutely false.’”

**Formatting for Book Reviews**

Book reviews of single books are not titled. They appear in a separate section of the journal titled “Book Reviews.” Reviews of single books do not include abstracts and key words. Authors of book reviews do, however, provide a 75-word biographical sketch.

Two examples below indicate the kinds of information required in the heading of a book review. The information included here is typically available on the page for the book on the publisher’s website.

**Clasen, Mathias. 2017. *Why Horror Seduces*.**New York: Oxford University Press. 190 pages, 25 halftones.  
Hardcover $99.00; Paperback $29.95; Kindle edition $9.99.

Stephen T. Asma

**Dennett, Daniel C. 2017. *From Bacteria to Bach and Back: The Evolution of Minds.***

**New York: W. W. Norton. xviii, 496 pages.**

**Hardback $28.95; Paperback $18.95; Kindle Edition $14.14.**

**Ronald de Sousa**

* The name of the author of the book under review goes on the first line (last name first), then the date of publication, then the full title of the book. That first line is in bold font. The remaining lines are not in bold font.
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* The third line identifies the versions of the book offered (hardcover, paperback, E-Book, and audio book), and gives the price of each version.
* The name of the reviewer (first name first) is separated from the book information by a blank line.

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For instance, an essay review listing for the two books used as examples in the previous section would look as follows:

**Books under Review**

Clasen, Mathias. 2017. *Why Horror Seduces*. New York: Oxford University Press. 190 pages, 25 halftones. Hardcover $99.00; Paperback $29.95; Kindle edition $9.99.

**Dennett, Daniel C. 2017. *From Bacteria to Bach and Back: The Evolution of Minds.* New York: W. W. Norton. xviii, 496 pages. Hardback $28.95; Paperback $18.95; Kindle Edition $14.14.**

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