

How Life Begins: The Science of Life in the Womb | Christopher C. Vaughan | Times Books, 1996 | 9780812921038 | 290 pages | 1996

How Life Began elucidates three origins, or geneses, of life—bacteria, nucleated cells, and multicellular organisms—and shows how evolution has sculpted life to its current biodiversity through four main events—mutation, recombination, natural selection, and geologic cataclysm. Rooted in the science of evolution but enlivened with many illustrations from other disciplines and the arts, How Life Began intertwines the rise of bacteria and multicellular life with Vermeer's portrait of Antoni van Leeuwenhoek, the story of Genesis and Noah, Meinesz's son's early experiences with Legos, and his own encounters with other scientists. All of this brings a very human and humanistic tone to Meinesz's charismatic narrative of the three origins of life. Publisher. New York : Times Books. Collection. inlibrary; printdisabled; internetarchivebooks; americana. Life in the Womb resumes the fascinating and awesome story of human development where my book Life Before Birth left off. Recent research provides compelling proof that the health we enjoy throughout our lives is determined to a large extent by the conditions in which we developed in the womb. How we are ushered into life is the major factor that determines how we leave it. The quality of life in the womb, our temporary home before we were born, programs our susceptibility to coronary artery disease, stroke, diabetes, obesity and a multitude of other conditions in later life. Programming is th How Life Begins book. Read 5 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. From the moment of fertilization until the day of birth, the extraor... Much better than those insipid books written for pregnant women. I was incredibly interested in the theories about morning sickness, as I suffered from it worse than most. He made it seem like an evolutionary advantage over other women and babies, so that did make me feel better! Nothing worse than hearing about This book was very well written and easy for a non-science person to understand. Great use of metaphors to help someone understand the science behind the cell processes that start life. Much better than those insipid books written for pregnant women. How Life Begins:: The Sci has been added to your Cart. Add a gift receipt with prices hidden. Buy used Review. The formation and physiology of life in the womb is here revealed in a treatise which examines the development of the child and its interactions with the mother during major developmental periods. Most childbirth titles are written with would-be parents in mind: the scientific nature of this study provides an embryo-oriented approach which focuses on elements of formation and unusual facts surrounding a foetus's evolution from cells to full human. This is a lovely and highly readable book about the science of human embryonic development. It's nearly twenty years old now, so there is probably more up-to-date science, but I've yet to find another book like this one.