

The Origin Of Species - Nino Ricci

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Winner of the 2008 Governor Generals Award for Fiction Montreal during the turbulent mid-1980s: Chernobyl has set Geiger counters thrumming across the globe, HIV/AIDS is cutting a deadly swath through the gay population worldwide, and locally, tempers are flaring over the recent codification of French as the official language of Quebec. Hiding out in a seedy apartment near campus, Alex Fratarcangeli (Dont worry. . . . I cant even pronounce it myself), an awkward, thirty-something grad student, is plagued by the sensation that his entire life is a fraud. Scarred by a distant father and a dangerous relationship with his ex Liz, and consumed by a floundering dissertation linking Darwins theory of evolution with the history of human narrative, Alex has come to view love and other human emotions as evolutionary surplus, haphazard neural responses that nature had latched onto for its own insidious purposes. When Alex receives a letter from Ingrid, the beautiful woman he knew years ago in Sweden, notifying him of the existence of his five-year-old son, he is gripped by a paralytic terror. Whenever Alexs thoughts grow darkest, he recalls Desmond, the British professor with dubious credentials whom he met years ago in the Galapagos. Treacherous and despicable, wearing his ignominy like his rumpled jacket, Desmond nonetheless caught Alex in his thrall and led him to some life-altering truths during their weeks exploring Darwins islands together. It is only now that Alex can begin to comprehend these unlikely life lessons, and see a glimmer of hope shining through what he had thought was meaninglessness. From the Trade Paperback edition. Author: Ricci, Nino Publisher: Other Press Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: The Origin of Species Pages: 00496 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2010-04-06 SKU-13/ISBN: 9781590513491 Lib Category: Psychological fiction Lib Category: Self-realization Category: Fiction : Literary

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