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Feathers are one of the most remarkable and iconic features of birds. They are essential for flight, but they also serve a variety of other important functions, such as insulation, camouflage, and display. In this fascinating book, acclaimed science writer Thor Hanson explores the evolution of feathers, from their humble origins as simple outgrowths of the skin to the complex and beautiful structures they are today.

Hanson draws on the latest scientific research to tell the story of how feathers evolved over millions of years. He shows how feathers first appeared as simple filaments on the skin of early reptiles, and how they gradually became more complex and elaborate over time. He also discusses the different ways that feathers are used by birds today, from flight to courtship to camouflage.

Feathers is a beautifully written and illustrated book that is sure to appeal to anyone who is interested in the natural world. It is a must-read for bird

enthusiasts and anyone who wants to learn more about the evolution of one of the most fascinating and iconic features of the animal kingdom.

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"A masterpiece of science writing. Hanson has written a book that is both informative and inspiring." — *The Washington Post*

About the Author

Thor Hanson is an acclaimed science writer and the author of several books, including *The Triumph of Seeds* and *The Impenetrable Forest*. He is a contributing editor to *Orion* magazine and a Guggenheim Fellow. Hanson lives in Missoula, Montana.

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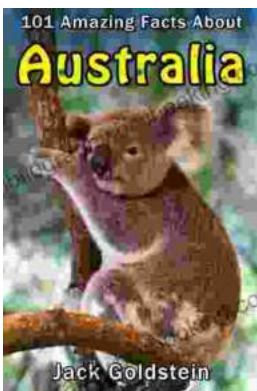


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