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from paleontologist Stephen Jay Gould to modern-day creationists and advocates of intelligent design. Haeckel is better known as a divisive

figure than as a pioneering biologist. Robert J. Richards's intellectual biography rehabilitates Haeckel, providing the most accurate measure of his science and art yet written, as well as a moving account of Haeckel's eventful life.