

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910782937603321
Autore	Ofek Haim <1936->
Titolo	Second nature : economic origins of human evolution / / Haim Ofek [[electronic resource]]
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Cambridge : , : Cambridge University Press, , 2001
ISBN	1-107-11513-2 1-280-41897-4 0-511-17484-5 0-511-01798-7 0-511-15493-3 0-511-32853-2 0-511-75493-0 0-511-05074-7
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (254 pages) : digital, PDF file(s)
Disciplina	306.3/093
Soggetti	Human evolution Economics, Prehistoric Commerce, Prehistoric Economic history
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Title from publisher's bibliographic system (viewed on 05 Oct 2015).
Nota di contenuto	Cover; Half -title; Title; Copyright; Contents; Acknowledgments; 1 Introduction; Part 1 Bioeconomics; Part 2 Paleoconomics; References; Index
Sommario/riassunto	Was exchange an early agent of human evolution or is it merely an artefact of modern civilisation? Spanning two million years of human evolution, this book explores the impact of economics on human evolution and natural history. The theory of evolution by natural selection has always relied in part on progress in areas of science outside biology. By applying economic principles at the borderlines of biology, Haim Ofek shows how some of the outstanding issues in human evolution, such as the increase in human brain size and the expansion of the environmental niche humans occupied, can be

answered. He identifies distinct economic forces at work, beginning with the transition from the feed-as-you-go strategy of primates, through hunter-gathering and the domestication of fire to the development of agriculture. This highly readable book will inform and intrigue general readers and those in fields such as evolutionary biology and psychology, economics, and anthropology.
