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die of scurvy, then why do we? -- Why does intelligent design act so much like the tobacco lobby? -- Bad design - our teeth, or, why is this animal smiling? -- The Discovery Institute hasn't discovered anything (sort of like the Tobacco Institute) -- The publishing scandal that rocked the Discovery Institute -- Bad design - sharks get more reproductive options, too -- Exploding the Cambrian explosion -- Why William Dembski's "Information Theory" isn't very informative -- Bad design - the human genome -- Bad design - the human appendix -- Evolution: the greatest indisputably true story ever told.

Sommario/riassunto

"Why do men's testicles hang outside the body? Why does our appendix sometimes explode and kill us? And who does the Designer like better, anyway - us, or squid? These and other questions are addressed in *The Not-So-Intelligent Designer: Why Evolution Explains the Human Body and Intelligent Design Does Not*. Dr. Abby Hafter argues that the human body has many faulty design features that would never have been the choice of an intelligent creator. She also points out other animals that got better body parts, which makes the Designer look a bit strange; discusses the history and politics of Intelligent Design and creationism; reveals animals that shouldn't exist according to Intelligent Design; and disposes of the idea of irreducible complexity. Her points are illustrated with pictures, wit, and erudition"--Back cover.
