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of the Tropics is an alternative view of distributional history in which groups are older than suggested by fossils and fossil-calibrated

molecular clocks. The author discusses possible causes for the endemism of high-level taxa in tropical America and Madagascar, and overlapping clades in South America, Africa, and Asia. The book concludes with a critique of adaptation by selection, founded on biogeography and recent work in genetics.