

## CHARLES DARWIN

**Born:** Feb. 12, 1809, Shrewsbury, England.

**Died:** April 19, 1882, of heart disease; buried in Westminster Abbey in London.

**Height:** About 6 feet

**Deathbed last words:** "I am not the least afraid to die."

**Keyword:** Evolution.

**Three major works:** "The Voyage of the Beagle" (1839), "On the Origin of Species" (1859), "The Descent of Man" (1871).

**Complete works online:** darwin-online.org.uk

**Family:** Married cousin, Emma Wedgwood, in 1839; 10 children.

**Pets:** Dogs. (Loved to hunt and collect all animals.)

**Sorrows:** Mother died when Charles was 8; two infants and adored daughter, Annie, age 10, died.

**Mood issue:** Anxiety.

**Physical ailment:** Chronically ill with gastrointestinal problems. May have had Crohn's disease.

**Early milestones:** Freed slave teaches Darwin taxonomy and he starts keeping notebooks on birds' habits (1826); Darwin gives first scientific speech, on his discovery that the larva of sea-mats can swim, and quits medical school (1827); after unenthusiastic studies to be a clergyman, he persuades father to let him sail around world on HMS Beagle (1831); triumphant return home after almost five exhausting, fascinating years (1836).

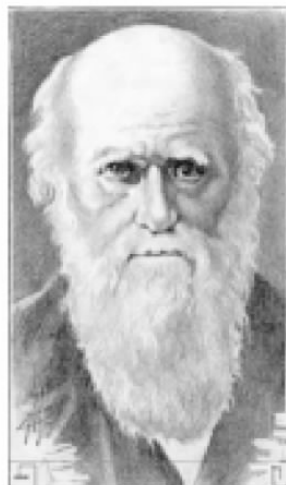
**Fierce defender:** Thomas Huxley, known as "Darwin's Bulldog."

**Frenemy:** Young naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace, an admirer who sent Darwin his own theories on evolution, prompting Darwin to finally publish "Origin."

**Immortalized on currency:** Britain's 10-pound note (replacing Charles Dickens).

**New books:** "Darwin's Garden" by Michael Boulter; "Darwin's Sacred Cause" by Adrian Desmond and James Moore (see review in A&E on Page 8); "The Young Charles Darwin" by Keith Stewart Thomson; "Darwin's Universe: Evolution From A to Z" by Richard Milner.

**Further reading:** Darwin's own works, many of which will be reissued this year; major biographies include Janet Browne's two-volume biography, "Charles Darwin: Voyaging" and "Charles Darwin: The Power of Place"; Adrian Desmond and James Moore's "Darwin"; and Daniel C. Dennett's "Darwin's Dangerous Idea."



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