

Alevel Biology reading references:

General Biology text book: AQA Biology 2nd Edition –Glenn Toole and Susan Toole

Magazines, Newspapers and journals

New Scientist

Scientific American

Nature

Science

Biological Sciences Review

British Medical Journal

Any scientific articles in newspapers

Websites

- <http://www.ibiblio.org/virtualcell/index.htm> – An interactive cell biology site
- <http://www.accessexcellence.org/RC/VL/GG> – A web site showing illustrations of many processes of biotechnology
- <http://www.uq.oz.au/nanoworld> – Visit the world of electron-microscopy
- <http://www.dnai.org/a/index.html> – Explore the genetic code
- <http://nobelprize.org> – Details of the history of the best scientific discoveries
- <http://nature.com> – The site of the scientific journal
- <http://royalsociety.org> – Podcasts, news and interviews with scientists about recent scientific developments
- <http://www.nhm.ac.uk> – The London Natural History Museum's website with lots of interesting educational material
- <http://www.bmj.com> – The website of the British Medical Journal
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science_and_environment - The BBC news page for Science and the Environment

Books

Richard Dawkins:

The Selfish Gene

The Blind Watchmaker.

Unweaving the Rainbow

Climbing Mount Improbable

The Ancestor's Tale

Steve Jones:

Y: The Descent of Men

[In the Blood: God, Genes and Destiny](#)

[Almost Like a Whale: The 'Origin of Species' Updated](#)

The Language of the genes

Matt Ridley

[Genome: The Autobiography of a Species in 23 Chapters](#)

[The Red Queen: Sex and the Evolution of Human Nature](#)

The Language of Genes

Francis Crick: Discoverer of the Genetic Code

Nature via Nurture: Genes, Experience and What Makes Us Human

James Watson:

DNA: The Secret of Life

The Double Helix: Personal Account of the Discovery of the Structure of DNA

Lewis Thomas:

The Lives of a Cell: Notes of a Biology Watcher.

The Medusa and the Snail: More Notes of a Biology Watcher Barry Gibb: **The Rough Guide to the Brain (Rough Guides Reference Titles)**

Charles Darwin: The origin of species

Armand Marie Leroi: Mutants: On the Form, Varieties and Errors of the Human Body

David S. Goodsell: *The Machinery of Life*

Ernst Mayr: *This Is Biology: The Science of the Living World*

George C. Williams: *Plan and Purpose in Nature*

Steve Pinker: The Language Instinct

Edward O Wilson: The Diversity of Life

Primo Levi: The Periodic Table

Richard Leaky: The Origin of Humankind

Bill Bryson: A Short History of Nearly Everything