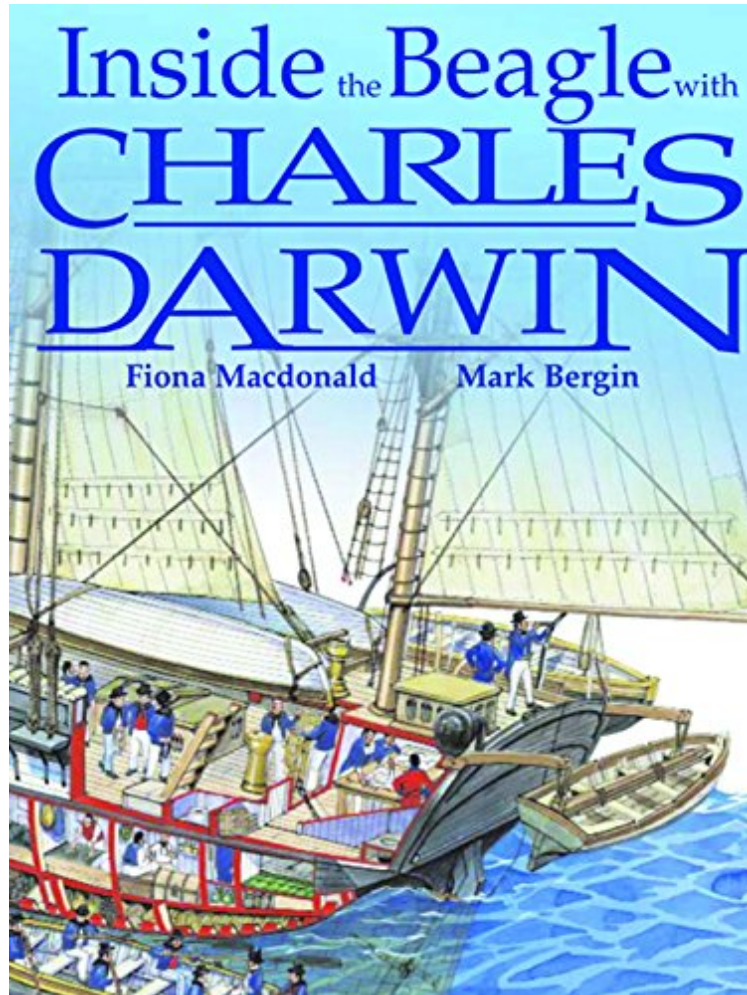


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young readers by Mark Bergin and perfectly complemented by the outstanding full color artwork and illustrations by Mark Bergin. Beginning with an informative and concise introduction of the life of Charles Robert Darwin (1809-1882), *Inside The Beagle With Charles Darwin* presents the ship "Beagle" being outfitted for the multi-year voyage, life on board ship, Darwin's exploration of the rainforest, finding fossils, returning home after visiting New Zealand and Australia, and then how Darwin arranged what he'd found, the deductions he made from his findings, and the basic concept that became known as the theory of evolution. Enhanced with a timeline of the voyage, a chronological list of Darwin's life and works, a glossary, and an index, *Inside The Beagle With Charles Darwin* is a seminal and strongly recommended addition to all grade school and community library Science History collections for children.

Combining exploration, sea faring adventure, and natural history, this splendidly illustrated book tells Darwin's exciting story.

From School Library Journal Grade 4-6 Macdonald's informative text is complemented by many equally informative watercolor-and-ink illustrations. Readers will learn a great deal about life onboard the Beagle and its ports of call, as well as about Darwin's gathering of species, observations, and subsequent efforts to make scientific sense of both. The author also mentions the ship captain's violence with his crew and rather breezily describes his attempts to Christianize and educate four natives. Unfortunately, her writing is uneven: she does not include the ship's surgeon in the discussion of those onboard but refers to him as being jealous of Darwin on a later page, and she mentions Darwin's taking meals with the captain except when they quarreled. Readers will wonder why they were quarreling. The text is choppy at times, with some lack of clarity. The small maps that show the route are helpful; for some reason, none include the Galapagos Islands. A time line of the voyage and another of Darwin's life and works enhance understanding. In spite of some weaknesses, this book will spark interest in the subject. Overall it is a good introduction to a famous voyage and the scientific theories coming from it. Peg Glisson, Mendon Center Elementary School, Pittsford, NY Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Gr. 2-4. Darwin's defining voyage on the British navy ship *The Beagle* provides a focused introduction to the scientist's life and revolutionary work in this picture-book size title in the new *Inside* series. The spreads follow the naturalist's voyage around the globe, with introductory and closing sections that offer insight into his groundbreaking ideas. Macdonald uses balanced language, carefully referring to natural selection and evolution as theories even as she acknowledges that most scientists believe Darwin's ideas are correct. Her coverage of the scientist's encounters with indigenous peoples is not as evenhanded as it might have been: more care could have been taken when discussing Darwin's generalizations about, for example, the Maori people's "poor and dirty conditions" and "traditional passion for fighting," and Macdonald presents a jarringly breezy view of South American peoples who were "captured" and converted to Christianity and English customs. Still, the excellent, detailed cut-away images of the ship; open layouts; and numerous watercolor-and-ink pictures of life at sea will ignite children's interest in Darwin's work and ideas. Time lines and a glossary close. Gillian Engberg Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved "The excellent, detailed cut-away images of the ship; open layouts, and numerous watercolor-and-ink pictures of life at sea will ignite children's interest in Darwin's work and ideas."--Booklist "This is a recommended purchase for school library collections as well as public libraries."--Assn. Region Xi School Librarians, Ft. Worth, TX