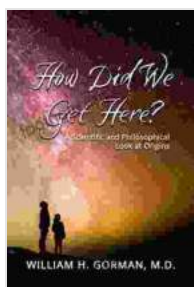


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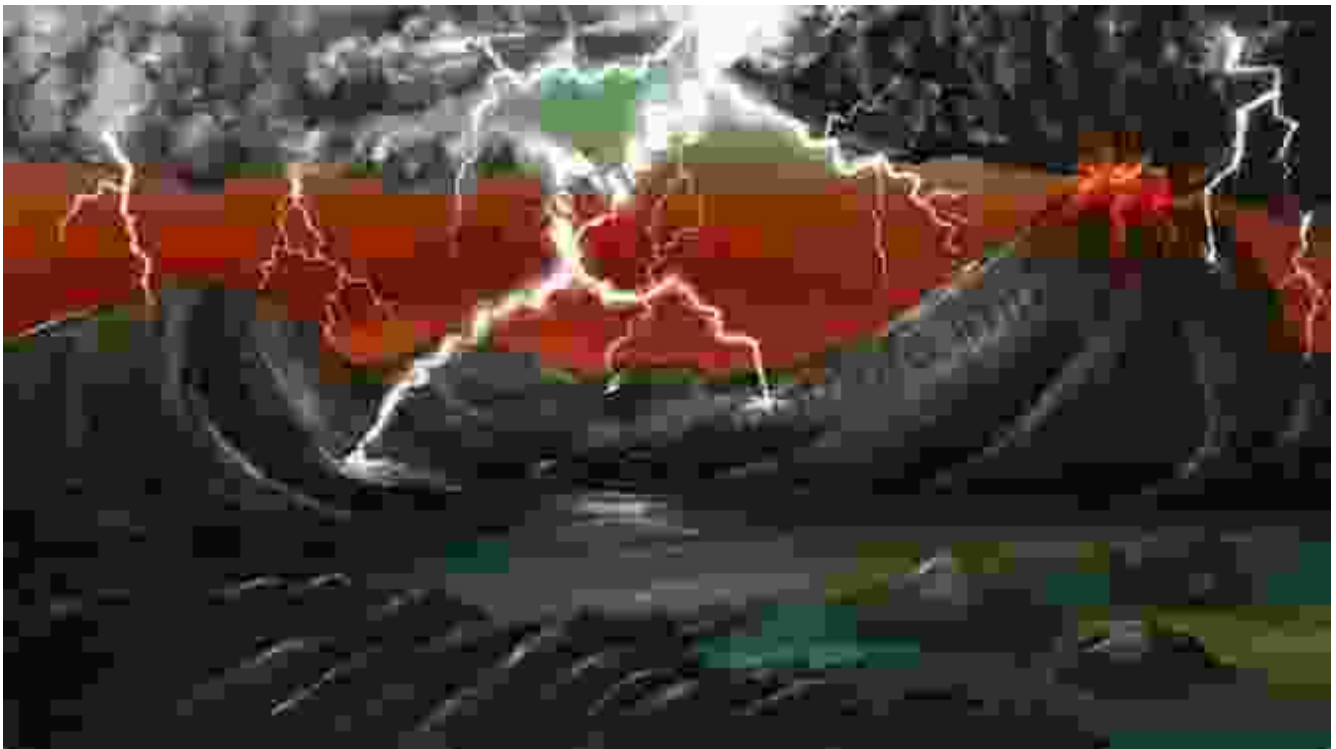
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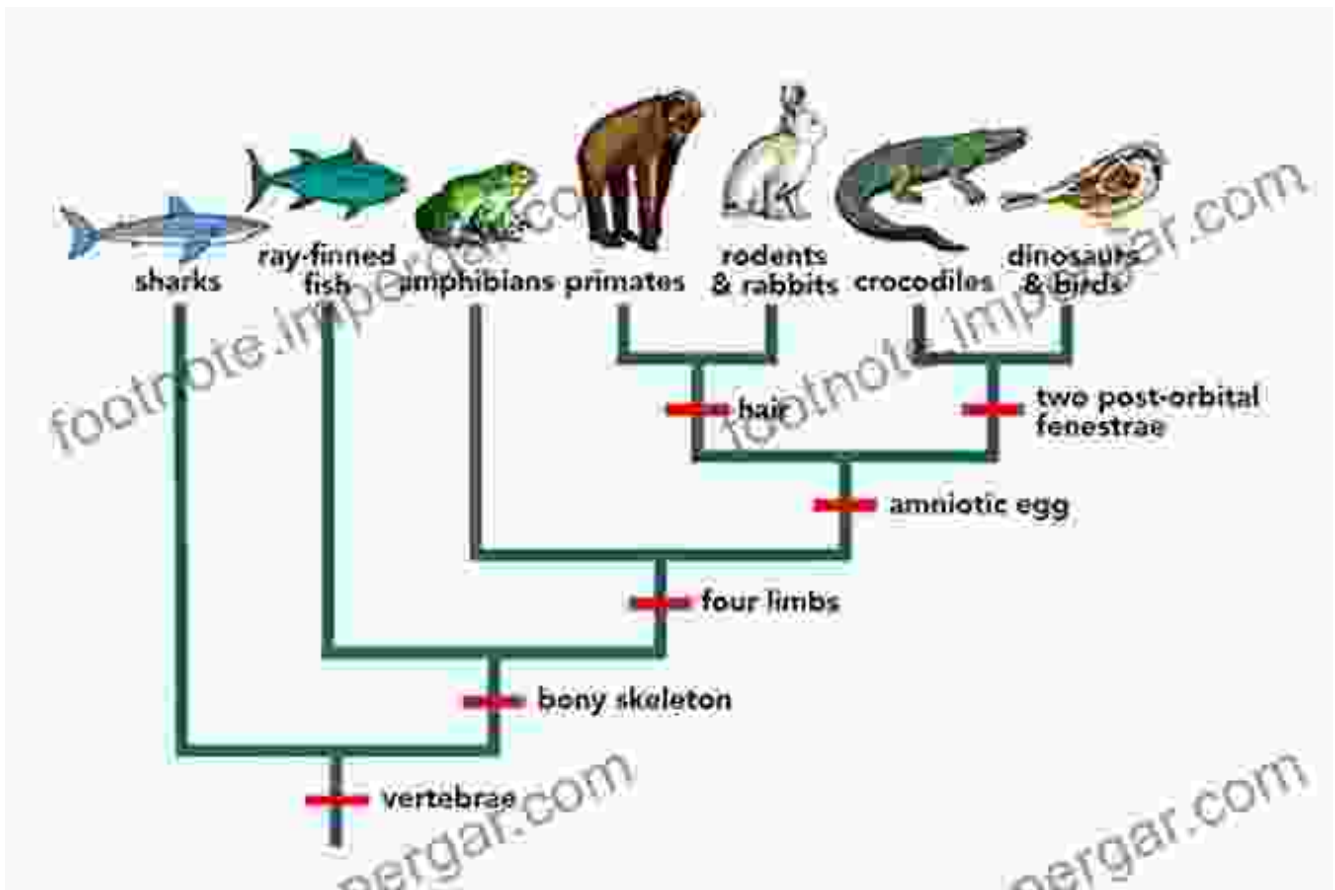
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The Cambrian explosion marked a turning point in the history of life, leading to the emergence of complex and diverse organisms.

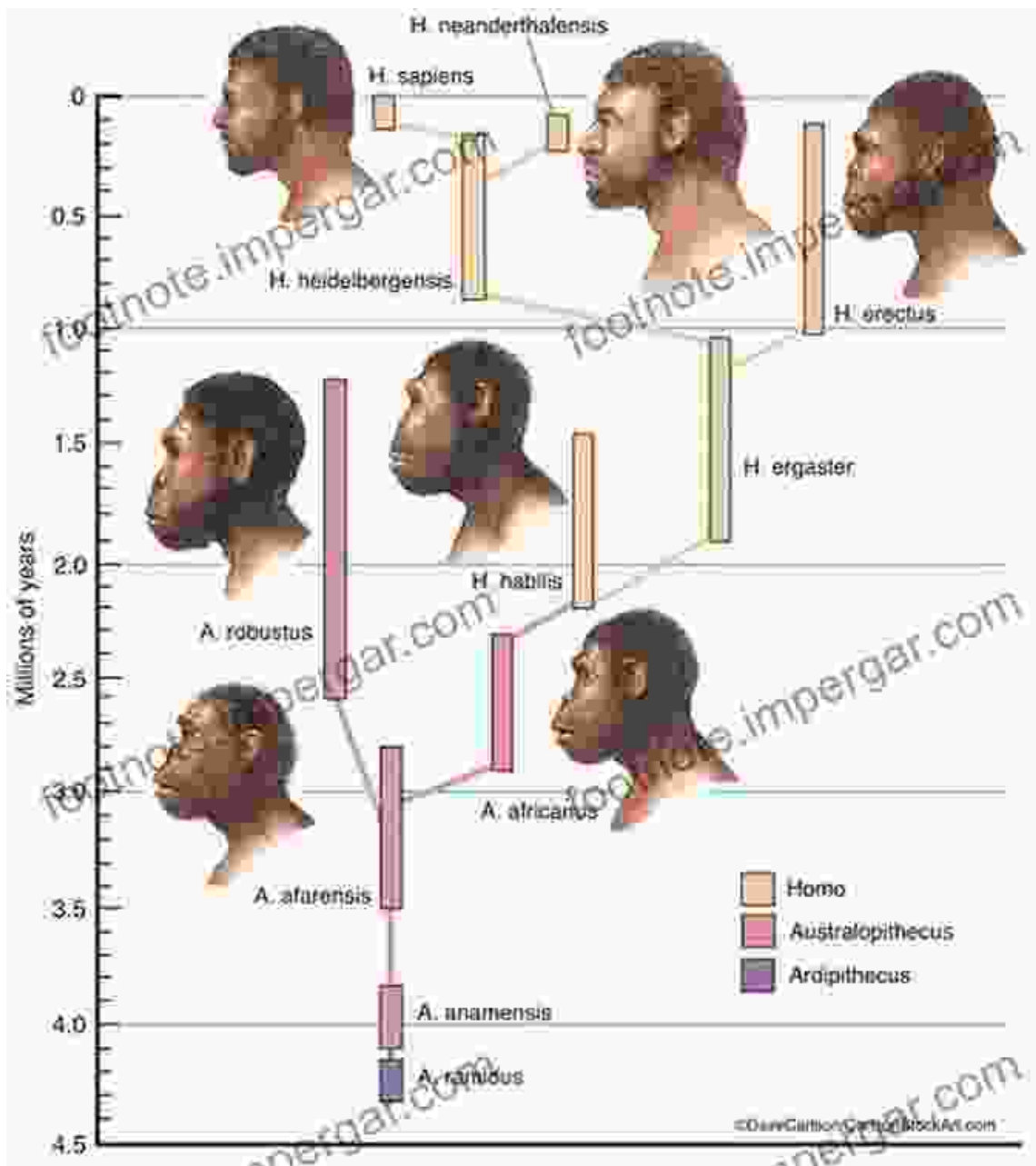
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Humans are a relatively recent arrival in the history of life on Earth, but our impact has been profound.

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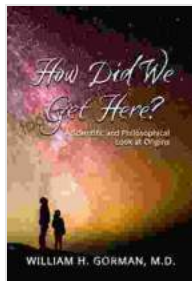
Prothero emphasizes the interdependence of species, ecosystems, and the planet itself, and he challenges readers to consider their role in preserving the delicate balance of life.



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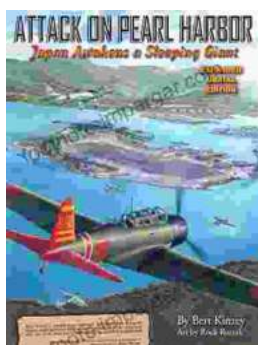
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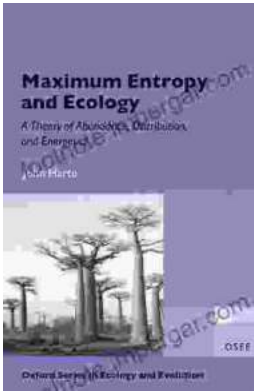
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