

## **Keble College**

### **Biological Sciences - reading list for Freshers 2021**

Here is a short list of suggestions for reading before the start of term, which have been selected to help you think broadly in biology. If you can read at least some of them, this should give you a useful background to your first year-course, but don't worry we won't be setting you a test. There is no need to buy these books (although second hand copies may be available on [www.abebooks.co.uk](http://www.abebooks.co.uk)) and don't buy any other course books before you come to Oxford – there are good library facilities.

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#### **Biology:**

The Animal Kingdom - A Very Short Introduction: Peter Holland

The Sixth Extinction: Elizabeth Kolbert

Collapse: Jared Diamond

DNA - The Secret of Life: James Watson

Endless Forms Most Beautiful: Sean Carroll

The Oxford Book of Modern Science Writing: Richard Dawkins (editor)

Superior: The Return of Race Science: Angela Saini

Lab Girl: Hope Jahren

Vaxxers: The Inside Story of the Oxford AstraZeneca Vaccine and the Race Against the Virus: Sarah Gilbert and Catherine Green. Hodder & Stoughton 2021.