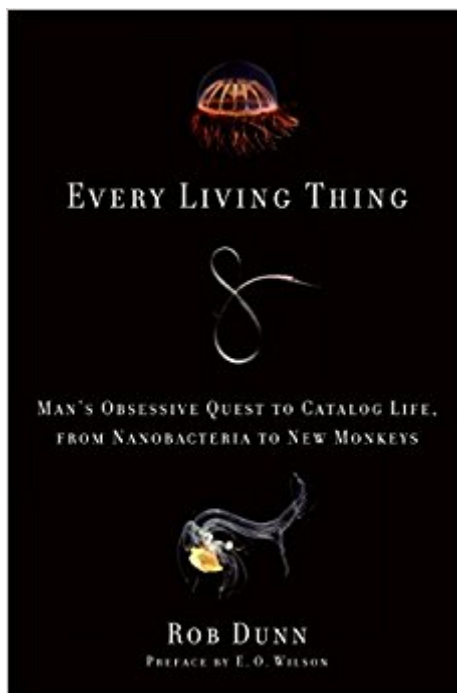




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# Every Living Thing: Man's Obsessive Quest To Catalog Life, From Nanobacteria To New Monkeys



## Synopsis

“If you have any interest in life beyond your own, you should read this book.” —Paul R. Ehrlich, author of *The Dominant Animal* “Biologist Rob Dunn’s *Every Little Thing* is the story of man’s obsessive quest to catalog life, from nanobacteria to new monkeys. In the tradition of E.O. Wilson, this engaging and fascinating work of popular science follows humanity’s unending quest to discover every living thing in our natural world—from the unimaginably small in the most inhospitable of places on earth to the unimaginably far away in the unexplored canals on Mars.

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Dunn, a biologist at North Carolina State University, does an admirable job of exploring the human drive to find and understand the manifold forms of life that surround them. With his light and enjoyable style, he also provides fascinating character sketches of some of the scientists (often obsessive, usually brilliant, occasionally half-mad) who made the most important discoveries, with enough scientific context for readers to understand their significance. Dunn ranges from Antoine van Leeuwenhoek’s amazing microscopic discoveries in the scientific backwater of 17th-century Delft to a major 20th-century undertaking to explore life near deep sea vents where the ocean floor is expanding. But Dunn has a deeper message: life is more diverse and less like us than we had imagined. Indeed, he says, humans are far from central in the story of life’s evolution on Earth; most life is microscopic, living in and deeply below the soil and likely comprising at least half of the planet’s biomass. Finally, Dunn writes about scientific hubris: virtually every scientific prediction about conditions limiting life have been proven incorrect. (Jan.) Copyright © Reed Business

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It was a gift

One of the best books I've read recently. It sent me on a search for Dunn's other writings. Dunn is not an "up-and-coming" popularizer, but an accomplished popularizer, a clear thinker, and a compelling writer.

This book is everything! Dr. Dunn masterfully brings you into the world that are the biological sciences. I can't say enough about this book. I was privileged to hear him speak about the book. A great mind indeed!

I'm not a scientist and don't usually read non-fiction, but I really liked this book. Dunn describes our need to know and name things in an entertaining style as he leads us on a journey from microbes to the cosmos. Be sure to read the footnotes!

Awesome book! Very good read.

Wonderful, an overview on biology that encompasses history, present and future. Think that everyone interested in biology should read it.

Wonderful survey of the search of the full monty of the Earth's biota!

Wonderful! I am still on it, enjoying every time.

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