



## The Evolutionary Biology Papers of Elie Metchnikoff (Hardback)

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\*\*\*\*\*.Elie Metchnikoff (1845-1916), winner of the Nobel Prize in

1907 for his contributions to immunology, was first a

comparative zoologist, who, working in the wake of Darwin's

On the Origin of Species, made seminal contributions to

evolutionary biology. His work in comparative embryology is

best known in regard to the debates with Ernst Haeckel

concerning animal genealogical relationships and the

theoretical origins of metazoans. But independent of those

polemics, Metchnikoff developed his phagocytosis theory of

immunity as a result of his early comparative embryology

research, and only in examining the full breadth of his work do

we appreciate his signal originality. Metchnikoff's scientific

papers have remained largely untranslated into English.

Assembled here, annotated and edited, are the key evolutionary

biology papers dating from Metchnikoff's earliest writings (1865)

to the texts of his mature period of the 1890s, which will serve as

an invaluable resource for those interested in the historical

development of evolutionary biology.



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