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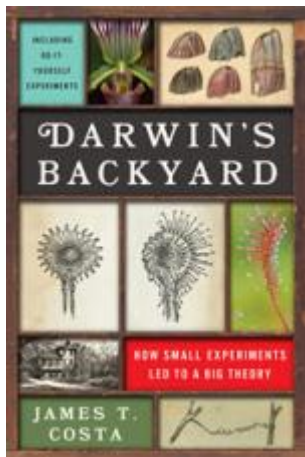
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The reviewer for *Science* writes, "[Costa] has done something very important with this new book: He has brought Darwin fully to life. ... Costa has written an intimate and big-hearted book. In its pages, readers will discover the real Darwin, a complicated man behind a revolutionary theory." Costa is a professor of biology at Western Carolina University and executive director of the Highlands Biological Station.

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