

Grant Ramsey Publications

Publications – Books (as author)

3. Ramsey, G. and Durand, P. (expected 2026) *Death and Taxa*. Cambridge University Press.
2. Fábregas-Tejeda, A. and Ramsey, G. (expected 2026) *Niche Construction and Evolutionary Theory*. Cambridge University Press.
1. Ramsey, G. (2023) *Human Nature*. Cambridge University Press. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108685481>

Publications – Books (as editor)

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3. Desmond, H. and Ramsey, G. (2023) *Human Success: Evolutionary Origins and Ethical Implications*. Oxford University Press.
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