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Summary : Free beyond adam s rib how darwinian evolutionary theory redefined gender and influenced american feminist thought 1870--1920 pdf download - my interdisciplinary project draws on scientific and mainstream publications the feminist press prescriptive literature fiction popular culture and archival materials and it explores both intellectual developments and their impact on people s daily lives i argue that evolution shifted the terms of debate from women s souls to women s bodies encouraged feminists to claim equivalence rather than equality inspired opponents and proponents of women s rights to ground their arguments in science most frequently biology and zoology destigmatized sex as a topic of scientific inquiry and galvanized support for greater female autonomy in reproductive decisions looking at gender religion and evolutionary theory in concert not only helps us more fully comprehend the construction of gender and the development of american feminism especially its troubled relationships with religion and science it also enriches our understanding of the american reception of darwin

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