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The Evolution of Personality and Individual Differences David M. Buss, 2011 Capturing a scientific change in thinking about personality and individual differences this volume provides theories and empirical evidence which suggest that personality and individual differences are central to evolved psychological mechanisms and behavioural functioning

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