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Buy Grooming, Gossip and the Evolution of Language New ed by Professor Robin Dunbar (ISBN: 9780571173976) from Amazon's Book Store. Everyday low prices and free delivery on eligible orders. Jump to navigation Jump to search. Grooming, Gossip and the Evolution of Language is a 1996 book by Robin Dunbar, in which Dunbar argues that language evolved from social grooming. He further suggests that a stage of this evolution was the telling of gossip, an argument supported by the observation that language is adapted for storytelling. What Robin Dunbar suggests -- and his research, whether in the realm of primatology or in that of gossip, confirms -- is that humans developed language to serve the purpose that grooming served, but far more efficiently. From the nit-picking of chimpanzees to our chats at coffee break, from neuroscience to paleoanthropology, Grooming, Gossip, and the Evolution of Language offers a provocative view of what makes us human. Grooming, Gossip, and the Evolution of Language is in many ways a wonderful book, and its ideas deserve an airing. Mr. Dunbar is a clear thinker and a polymath, marshaling evidence for his thesis from such varied fields as primatology, linguistics, anthropology and genetics. (Natalie Angier, Grooming, Gossip And The Evolution Of Language.

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