

Darwin, Charles.

On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life. With 1 folding lithographic diagram.

London, John Murray, 1859. Octavo. IX, 502, 32 p. Original cloth binding with gilt title and decoration on spine (Freeman binding variant a; extremities of spine, hinges and corners minimally rubbed, front inner hinge with tear, front cover somewhat loosened, block very slightly warped, but binding intact).

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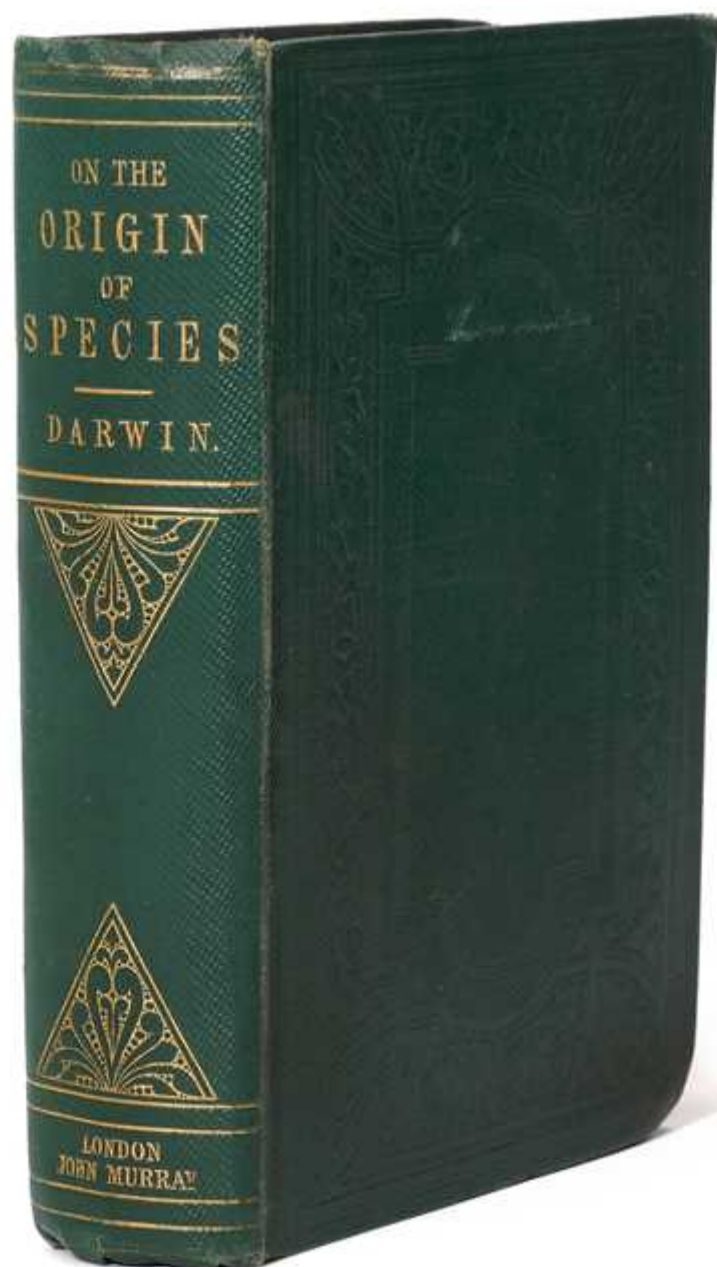
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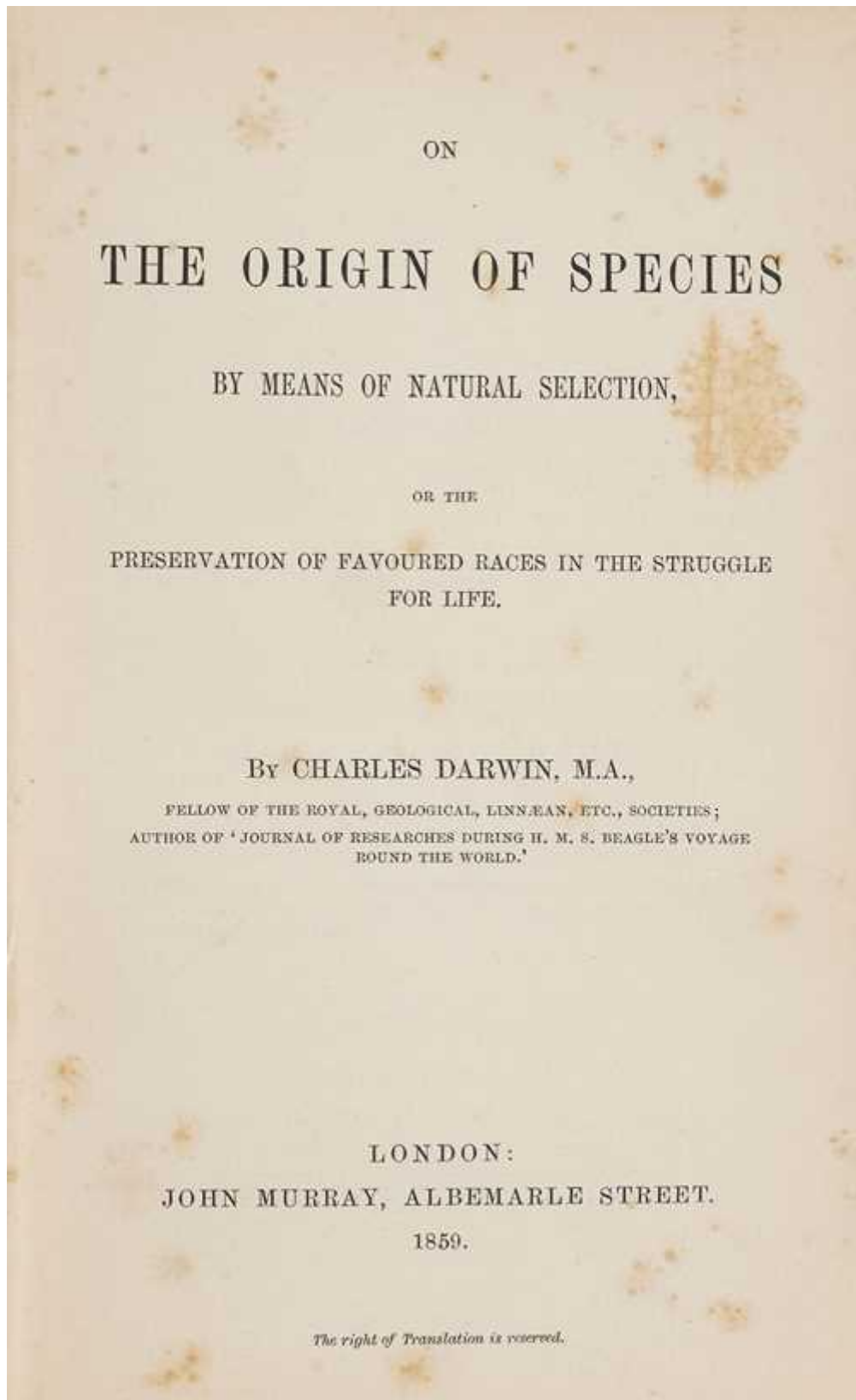
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