

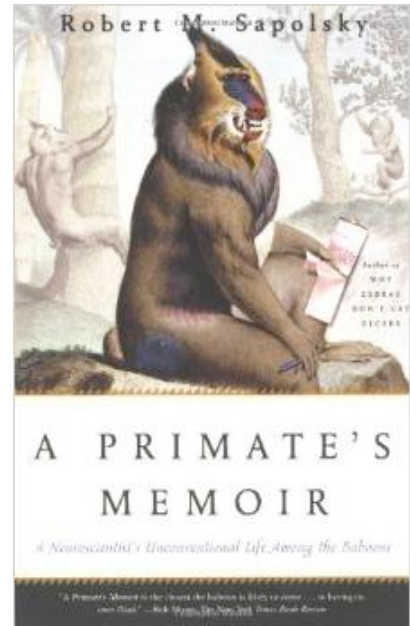
## BIO 342 “Book Club”

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The point of this assignment is to try to understand what it is like to be an animal behavior researcher. Robert Sapolsky is an American neuroendocrinologist, professor of biology, neuroscience, and neurosurgery at Stanford University, researcher and author. He is currently a Professor at Stanford University and also a Research Associate at the National Museums of Kenya. His research is focused on “stress” and while he is very interested in biomedically relevant topics he has also studied the adaptive value of the stress response and uses a comparative approach examining non-human primates.

All students will read “A Primate's Memoir: A Neuroscientist's Unconventional Life Among the Baboons” by Robert M. Sapolsky.

**You will be provided with a copy of the book that must be returned.**



In addition to reading this book, each student will find and read one research paper written by Robert Sapolsky (or one of his students or postdocs). No two students can choose the same paper. When you have selected your paper, save a .pdf copy to the server (add your name to the file name) so that no other student will select this same paper.

Each student will make 2 power point slides, one to convey the area of research and major finding and the other to present the most important data figure that supports this claim. In Class on November 12<sup>th</sup> each student will have 2 minutes to clearly present these two slides.

### **DUE DATES**

**November 3rd: Research paper saved to the server**

**November 7<sup>th</sup> 5PM: Power Points saved to the courses server**

**November 12<sup>th</sup> in class: present power point.**