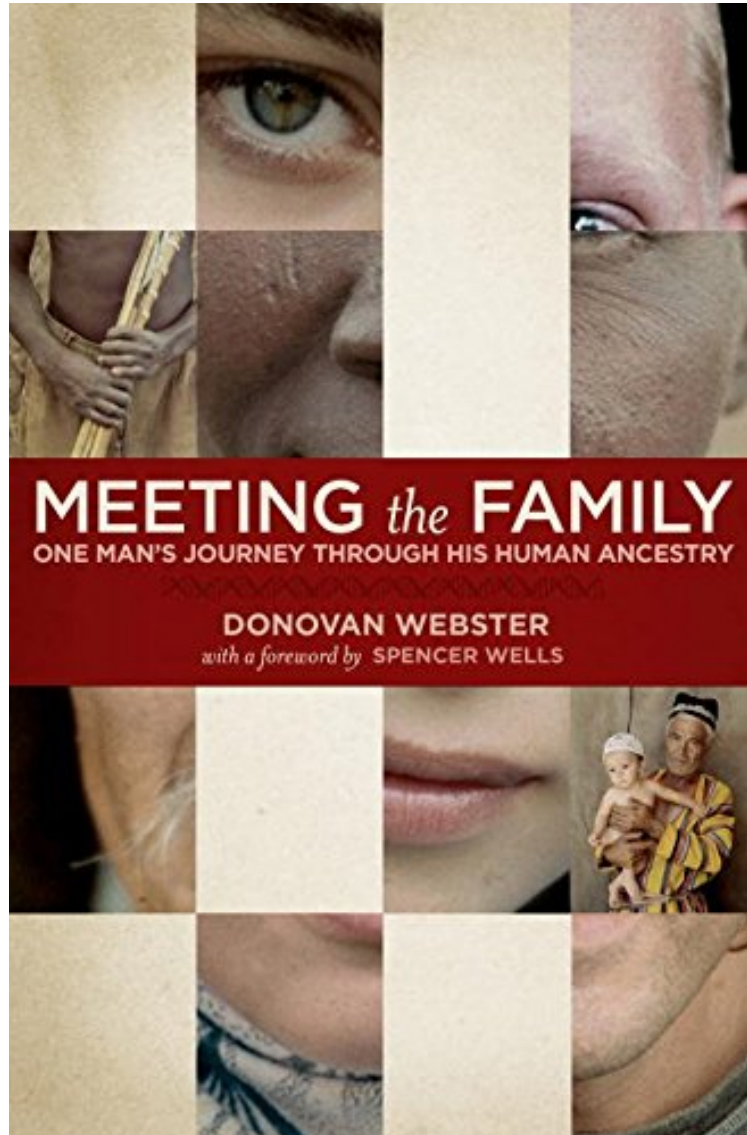


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book traces many of the haploid groups with which we are connected as the author recounts his visits to his distant relatives in Tanzania, the Levant, Tajikistan and the Basque region of Spain. We have really enjoyed this book with our teenagers and are eager to continue to unearth our roots.6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. An interesting @ Times Frustrating ReadBy Steve W.This book is part essay on human history, part travel log, part memoir, part science of genetics, part personal history.The science is science "light" and very understandable to the layman.There were sections of this book I absolutely loved when the author went to Africa and really did meet his family and his descriptions of Lebanon. These were wonderful and inspired me to retrace his steps, particularly Lebanon. Other times the author goes on-and-on about the mundane particulars of his hotel, lost baggage or how great it is to fly first class. Other times he does not really meet his family and seemingly forgets about his quest mid-journey.Nevertheless, it was a worthwhile read.11 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating and eye-openingBy Rik FredericksMy wife gave me Meeting the Family as a gift on Monday, and I've ignored my own family since then, because I can't tear myself away from its pages. The author's journey traces not just the history of his own family, but ALL of our families, back to their very origin. It's like "Roots" for the rest of us--every single American, no matter what nationality or race, can pretty much trace his or her family back to the very same starting point. I can't wait to share what I've learned with my kids. If you ever wanted to know where you came from, how you got to be the way you are, and where your children and grandchildren are headed, buy this book.

Donovan Webster brings his vivid journalistic gifts to a new subject, tracing our deep genealogy using cutting-edge DNA research to map our eons-old journey from prehistoric Africa into the modern world. With the same genetic haplotype as many white American males, Webster makes an ideal subjecthe is a genuine Everyman. While his voice and spirit are unique to him, in exploring his own ancestry, he shows us our own.Drawing on National Geographic's Genographic Project, the largest anthropologic DNA study of its kind, Webster traces centuries of migrations, everywhere finding members of his now far-flung genetic family. In Tanzania's Rift Valley, he hunts with Julius, whose tribe speaks a click language, and wanders the ruins of ancient Mesopotamia with Mohamed and Khalid, now Jordanian citizens. In Samarkand, Uzbekistan, eastern frontier of his ancestral roaming, a circus ringmaster becomes both friend and link to his primal bloodline.Webster's genographic quest leads him to contemplate what traits he shares with those he meets, and considers what they and their ways of life reveal about the deep history of our species. A lifetime of journalistic travels among a wide range of cultures furnish Webster with a wealth of colorful threads to weave into a story as particularly personal as it is universally human.

About the AuthorDonovan Webster has written three books, including the prize-winning *Aftermath: The Remnants of War*. He has also written for major magazines such as *Vanity Fair*, *The New Yorker*, and the *New York Times*,/i magazine.