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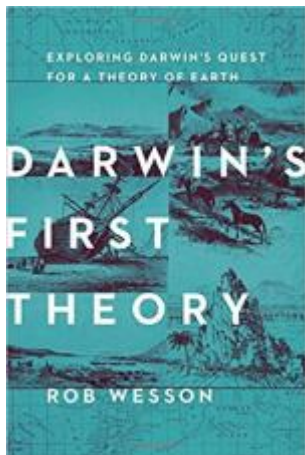
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Rob Wesson is a Scientist Emeritus at the United States Geological Survey. Robert H. Dott Jr. (a member of NCSE's Advisory Council) describes *Darwin's First Theory* as "[a] lively, readable account of field experiences while chasing the records in southern Chile of several of Earth's most severe earthquakes. A very welcome addition to the history of the geosciences."

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