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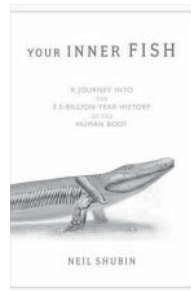
Below is a clipping of your book review that appeared in the January 09 issue of the *Sacramento Book Review*. Thank you for sending us the book.

Your Inner Fish

By Neil Shubin

Vintage, \$13.95, 256 pages

Shubin is a fish paleontologist and the department chair of Organismal Biology and Anatomy at the University of Chicago. Having also taught first-year medical students anatomy, he found his ability to use other species as examples in how the human body worked, which lead him to the thought process of writing *Your Inner Fish*, or an explanation of how our bodies developed from earliest animals to now. He was also the co-discoverer of the *Tiktaalik*, an almost 400 million-year-old fossil fish that is, in his words, “a found link” between sea dwelling creatures and those on land. The *Tiktaalik* is missing a key part of the gill structure that allowed it to move its head in a very unfish-like way, and had early bone structure



with apparent finger, toe, ankle, and wrist bones. This “found” link is only one example used by Shubin to explain how many of our body parts resemble those from other animals, both currently available and long since extinct.

This is a soft cover reprint of last years hardcover, with a short new afterwards, giving an update on his most recent journey to the *Tiktaalik* dig site in the Arctic.