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This book was begun in 1974 when Judith Myers (University of British Columbia) showed me an unpublished manuscript of hers dealing with evolution of the sex ratio. While her monograph was never published, it proved very important in my own work. It introduced me to sex ratio theory and suggested the wealth of data which lay unused in the literature. I disagree (and did in 1974) with many of the conclusions Myers reached, but the debt to her is large and I record it here.

In its initial stages this book was to be a joint effort by Jim Bull and myself. Then it was to consist of two major sections; first, the evolution of sex allocation, and second, the evolution of the sex determining mechanisms themselves. However, it rapidly became obvious that such a venture would be rather too long for a readable single book. For this reason, we have split the book into two. Jim Bull's book, entitled *The Evolution of Sex Determination and Sex Chromosomes*, should appear about a year after this one.

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