Bio for Nicholas Wade

Nicholas Wade was born in 1942 in Aylesbury, England and educated at Eton and at King's College, Cambridge. He received a B.A. degree in Natural Sciences in 1964.

He worked for Nature, a weekly scientific magazine based in London, from 1967 to 1971, becoming deputy editor and Washington correspondent. In 1971 he joined the news staff of Science, a weekly scientific journal published in Washington, and in 1982 became a member of editorial board of the New York Times, writing editorials on science, health, environment and military technology.

He was science editor of the New York Times from 1990 to 1996, and a science reporter from 1997 until 2012. He is now a freelance writer and author.

He is the author of several books including The Ultimate Experiment (Walker, 1976), The Nobel Duel (Doubleday, 1980), Betrayers of the Truth (Simon and Schuster 1982, written with William J. Broad), A World Beyond Healing (Norton, 1987), and Lifescript (Simon & Schuster, 2001).

Three other books concern recent human evolution. These are "Before the Dawn" (Penguin Press, 2006), which explores the recent human past and human nature in the light of new information from the genome; "The Faith Instinct" (Penguin Press, 2009), which traces the evolution and cultural development of religion; and "A Troublesome Inheritance" (Penguin Press, 2014), a study of the evolution of race and of human social structures.