



LibriVox

Mutual Aid: A Factor of Evolution

Peter Kropotkin

Peter Kropotkin

Mutual Aid: A Factor of Evolution

By Peter Kropotkin (1842-1921)

Mutual Aid: A Factor of Evolution is a book by Peter Kropotkin on the subject of mutual aid, written while he was living in exile in England. It was first published by William Heinemann in London in October 1902. The individual chapters had originally been published in 1890-96 as a series of essays in the British monthly literary magazine, *Nineteenth Century*.

Written partly in response to Social Darwinism and in particular to Thomas H. Huxley's *Nineteenth Century* essay, *The Struggle for Existence*, Kropotkin's book drew on his experiences in scientific expeditions in Siberia to illustrate the phenomenon of cooperation. After examining the evidence of cooperation in nonhuman animals, "savages," "barbarians," in medieval cities, and in modern times, he concludes that cooperation and mutual aid are as important in the evolution of the species as competition and mutual strife, if not more so. (Summary by Wikipedia)

Total running time: 09:28:16; read by Enko.

This recording is in the public domain and may be reproduced, distributed, or modified without permission. For more information or to volunteer, visit librivox.org. Cover image by *Photographer's Mate Second Class Philip A. McDaniel (2005)*. This file is a work of a sailor or employee of the U.S. Navy, taken or made during the course of the person's official duties. As a work of the U.S. federal government, the image is in the public domain. Cover design by Janette Brown. This design is in the public domain.

Mutual Aid: A Factor of Evolution

Mutual Aid: A Factor of Evolution

Peter Kropotkin