

Imagine that the genome is a book

There are twenty-three chapters, called **CHROMOSOMES**

Each chapter contains several thousand stories, called **GENES**

Each story is made up of paragraphs, called **EXONS**, which are interrupted by advertisements, called **INTRONS**

Each paragraph is made up of 3-letter words, called **CODONS**

Each word is written in letters, called **BASES**

Matt Ridley. Genome: The autobiography of a species in 23 chapters.

Perennial; New York; 1999.

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