



“If facts are the seeds which later produce knowledge and wisdom, then the emotions and the impressions of the senses are the fertile soil in which the seeds must grow.”

Rachel Carson

Rachel Carson, 1907-1964, was a marine biologist and writer from a small town in Pennsylvania. She worked for the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries as a scientist and editor, for fifteen years, before becoming a full time writer. In 1962 she wrote *Silent Spring*, a best seller that spurred a nationwide, grassroots, environmental movement, and led to both a ban on the pesticide DDT, and the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency.