

# Who Was Rachel Carson

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Carson began her career as an aquatic biologist in the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries, and became a full-time nature writer in the 1950s. Her widely praised 1951 bestseller *The Sea Around Us* won her a U.S. National Book Award, recognition as a gifted writer, and financial security. Its success prompted the republication of her first book, *Under the Sea Wind* (1941), in 1952, which was followed by *The Edge of the Sea* in 1955 — both were also bestsellers. This sea trilogy explores the whole of ocean life from the shores to the depths.

Late in the 1950s, Carson turned her attention to conservation, especially some problems she believed were caused by synthetic pesticides. The result was the book *Silent Spring* (1962), which brought environmental concerns to an unprecedented share of the American people. Although *Silent Spring* was met with fierce opposition by chemical companies, it spurred a reversal in national pesticide policy, which led to a nationwide ban on DDT and other pesticides. It also inspired a grassroots environmental movement that led to the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Carson was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Jimmy Carter.

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Rachel Carson College is a residential college at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Named in honor of conservationist Rachel Carson, it is on the west side of campus, north of Oakes College and southeast of Porter College. The current provost of the college is Professor Sue Carter, also a faculty member of UCSC's Physics Department. The theme of its freshman core course is Environment and Society.

Silent Spring

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*Silent Spring* is an environmental science book by Rachel Carson. Published on September 27, 1962, the book documented the environmental harm caused by the indiscriminate use of DDT, a pesticide used by soldiers during World War II. Carson accused the chemical industry of spreading disinformation, and public officials of accepting the industry's marketing claims unquestioningly.

In the late 1950s, Carson began to work on environmental conservation, especially environmental problems that she believed were caused by synthetic pesticides. The result of her research was *Silent Spring*, which brought environmental concerns to the American public. The book was met with fierce opposition by chemical companies, but it swayed public opinion and led to a reversal in US pesticide policy, a nationwide ban on DDT for agricultural uses, and an environmental movement that led to the creation of the US Environmental Protection Agency.

In 2006, *Silent Spring* was named one of the 25 greatest science books of all time by the editors of *Discover* magazine.

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The Rachel Carson Trail is a 45.7-mile (73.5 km) hiking trail in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, United States. Its western terminus is in the suburban North Park district in the Pittsburgh metropolitan area, and its eastern terminus is in Harrison Hills Park along the Allegheny River, near the town of Freeport. The trail is maintained by the Rachel Carson Trails Conservancy.

## Statue of Rachel Carson

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An outdoor sculpture depicting the biologist, conservationist, and author of the same name by David Lewis was installed in Waterfront Park in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, United States, on July 14, 2013.

## Rachel Carson Prize (environmentalist award)

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The Rachel Carson Prize (Rachel Carson-prisen) is an international environmental award, established in Stavanger, Norway in 1991 to commemorate the achievements of environmentalist Rachel Carson and to award efforts in her spirit. The prize is awarded to a woman who has distinguished herself in outstanding work for the environment in Norway or internationally.

The prize was established spontaneously during a 1989 meeting in Stavanger, on the initiative of speaker Berit Ås. The prize consists of money and the sculpture *The Cormorant* by artist Irma Bruun Hodne.

## Rachel Carson Greenway

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The Rachel Carson Greenway is a planned 25-mile stretch of trails, spanning from the historic Adelphi Mill in Prince George's County north through eastern Montgomery County, Maryland to Patuxent River State Park, and incorporating existing Northwest Branch trails. The greenway was proposed as part of a 1998 Countywide Park Trails Plan. A plan for the greenway was approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board on June 15, 2005.

The Rachel Carson Greenway would include a set of three existing trails, including the Northwest Branch trail in Silver Spring, Woodlawn Manor trails in Sandy Spring and Rachel Carson Conservation Park trails near Laytonsville. The Northwest Branch Trail Corridor was officially renamed as the Rachel Carson Greenway on March 20, 2004. The largest section of the greenway consists of a network of unimproved hiking trails through the Northwest Branch stream valley gorge in Burnt Mills, Maryland. A Sandy Spring Heritage Trail is being considered as part of the greenway trail system. In 2008, Montgomery County approved plans to extend the Rock Creek Park trail system north to Rachel Carson Conservation Park and connect with the Rachel Carson Greenway.

Rachel Hilson

*Broadway Artist Alliance in New York. She was then recruited by Nancy Carson of the Carson-Adler Agency, who would later become her agent, to dance in*

Rachel Naomi Hilson (born 1995) is an American actress. She started her career in 2010 with a recurring role on the CBS legal drama *The Good Wife* as Nisa Dalmar. In 2025, she performed the co-lead role as FBI agent Nina Hayes in the Max crime thriller series *Duster*. She has also had recurring roles on NBC's *Rise and This Is Us* and a lead role on the Hulu teen drama *Love, Victor*.

Rachel Carson Homestead

*farmhouse was the birthplace and childhood home of Rachel Carson, whose 1962 book *Silent Spring* launched the modern environmentalist movement. The Carson family*

The Rachel Carson Homestead is a National Register of Historic Places site that is located in Springdale, Pennsylvania, United States, eighteen miles northeast of Pittsburgh and near the Allegheny River.

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Rachel Carson North Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserve or the Rachel Carson Reserve is a component site of the North Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserve consisting of two islands and several shoals, banks, and marshes, south of Beaufort, North Carolina. Named after marine biologist Rachel Carson, it is one of three original National Estuarine Research Reserve sites dedicated by NOAA in 1985. The reserve encompasses 2,315 acres of varied habitat.

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