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Though she grew up in rural Pennsylvania, Rachel Carson dreamed of the sea. In 1936 she began work with the Bureau of Fisheries and soon after published *Under the Sea Wind*, her first of many nature books.

Her 1962 bestseller, *Silent Spring*, sent shockwaves through the country and warned of the dangers of DDT and other pesticides. A pioneering environmentalist, Rachel Carson helped awaken the global consciousness for conservation and preservation.

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Steph says

I am not giving this a 2-star rating because of who Rachel Carson was. Clearly she made important contributions in science and raised awareness about the impact on society that pollution and pesticides have. All of this being said... I was bored out of my mind reading this. The pages that take a moment to focus on specifics like John Hopkins University, women's rights, etc. are informational but very dense. I've read quite a few of the "Who Was" books and this is the first that I can say I couldn't wait to be finished with.

Kelly says

Before reading this book, I had no clue who Rachel Carson was. This book was very informative, covering the good along with the controversy.

Becky Keir Grace says

I have been wanting to read one of these books for some time. I happened to grab this one and gave it a try. Rachel Carson was a name I was only vaguely familiar with. Rachel was a talented writer with a love for the environment. This was a woman ahead of her times.

This is a good starter biography for younger readers. The book is an easy read, but full of facts. I also appreciate the side notes about the times.

Amity says

Kaye and I both enjoyed this book. I think the author did a great job of balancing personal information with information about her work. It definitely started a lot of great conversations about the importance of having women in STEM, the need for human's--especially Americans--to realize what we have done and continue to do to our environment, and so many other topics.

Mary Thomas says

I didn't know anything about Rachel Carson, so I learned a lot!

Shelli says

The Who Was...? biography series are perfect for elementary or intermediate age students interested learning about the featured person for an assignment or just for an exciting read. The afterward portion in this edition has a timeline on one side showing key events in Rachel Carson's life and the opposite page shows worldwide key events during the same time period. Making for an interesting comparison and will help readers get a better feel for what else was happening at those times; a cool extra feature I haven't seen in many books.

Robert says

My 4th grade daughter is doing a report on this book, so I read it along with her.

First of this series of books I have read and was quite impressed with the quality.

Very impressed with Rachel Carson as a person. Not your typical "environmentalist". She had the right scientific approach and the right motives. Helped get DDT banned.

Kurt Garfield says

A really excellent primer on an incredibly important figure from the 20th century. My students are always looking for books to read during downtime, this will definitely be one that I recommend for them to read!

Kristi Betts says

WHO WAS RACHEL CARSON? is part of the Who Is...? / Who Was...? series published by Grossett & Dunlap. This title focuses on Rachel Carson was an environmentalist with the ability to "explain scientific ideas about nature in a way that ordinary people could understand" (p.3). Fascinating information is presented in a simplified text geared for third through fifth grade students, however more mature readers will enjoy the information about this influential woman. Additional features which make this series even more appealing are the sidebars of more in depth information about a topic mentioned in the text. This provides the reader background information of which they may not be familiar. In this book the following topics are highlighted: the St. Nicholas Magazine, Johns Hopkins University, World War II & Rationing, the Poetry of Rachel Carson, Dicholoro-Diphenyl-Trichloroethane (DDT), and the Chain of Destruction. Also included at the back of the book is a timeline of Ms. Carson's life and of the world during her lifetime. A bibliography notates books used as reference which are for young readers. There are more than 100 titles in this great series for young readers.

Kris says

This is the first "Big Head" book I've read. I hand them to children regularly. Even though it is targeted to children, it is a quick read for adults who want to learn about a person but would rather not read a longer biography. I choose Rachel Carson after helping my daughter study for an American History test. Now I want to read one of her books.

AMY says

106 pages. I really enjoyed this biography of a famous ecologist and writer. I had not really read about her before so it was quite refreshing to learn about her life and work. It inspired me to read her original book on ocean creatures and last book titled Silent Spring.

A says

So very facinating. I had heard of the book "Silent Spring" but did not know that Rachel Carson was the author. Love to learn about women who took/take the path less traveled.

Trena says

Scientist read aloud for my second grade class. They love the "Who Was" books.

Emily Scheinman says

I always learn so much from the Who Was series and reading about Rachel Carson just reinforced how lucky we are that Carson took the time to notice the natural world and write about the impact of pollution and chemicals on ecosystems in a way that captured the heart of the American public.

Emma says

I liked this book a lot and just read it to learn who Rachel Carson was. She was a really neat person. I think it would be really fun to to be a marine biologist and study the ocean and the world and stuff. It's pretty amazing that she wrote books too. This book inspired me to do something for our earth. Overall the book was pretty good but I wish it was longer so I learned even more about her. I recommend this to anyone who wants to read about Rachel Carson.
