

From the Planners' Bookshelf...

Silent Spring.

by [Rachel Carson](#), originally published by Houghton Mifflin, 1962.

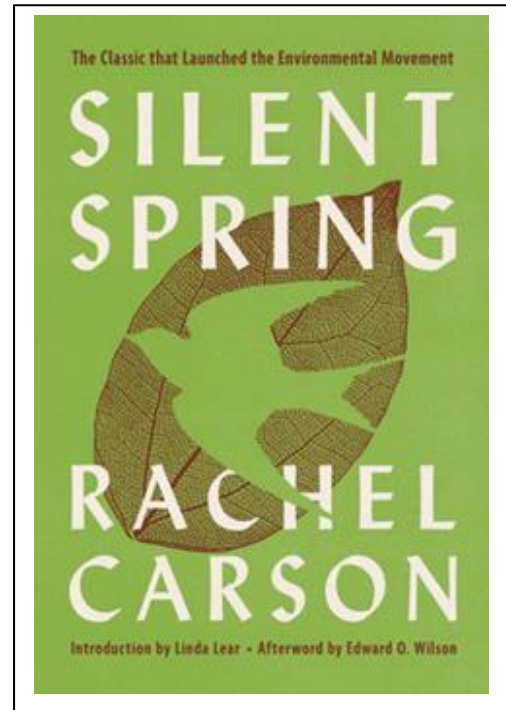
In 2006, Silent Spring was named one of the 25 greatest [science books](#) of all time by the editors of [Discover magazine](#).^[5]

From CT.org...

Ms. Carson revolutionized global thinking on environmental issues. The original printing in 1962 was reprinted in 2002 with an extensive introduction by Linda Lear; an excerpt follows. Ms. Lear's introduction plus Douglas Brinkley's recent book, *Silent Spring Revolution: John F. Kennedy, Rachel Carson, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, and the Great Environmental Awakening* provide an excellent picture of this remarkable woman and her impact on the world. The afterword in the latest edition by E.O. Wilson adds to the aura.

From ThriftBooks...

"First published by Houghton Mifflin in 1962, *Silent Spring* alerted a large audience to the environmental and human dangers of indiscriminate use of pesticides, spurring revolutionary changes in the laws affecting our air, land, and water. "*Silent Spring* became a runaway bestseller, with international reverberations. . . [it is] well crafted, fearless and succinct . . . Even if she had not inspired a generation of activists, Carson would prevail as one of the greatest nature writers in American letters" (Peter Matthiessen, for *Time's* 100 Most Influential People of the Century). This fortieth anniversary edition celebrates Rachel Carson's watershed book with a new introduction by the author and activist Terry Tempest Williams and a new afterword by the acclaimed Rachel Carson biographer Linda Lear, who tells the story of Carson's courageous defense of her truths in the face of ruthless assault from the chemical industry in the year following the publication of *Silent Spring* and before her untimely death in 1964."



Rachel Carson

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Rachel Carson (1907–1964) spent most of her professional life as a marine biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. By the late 1950s, she had written three lyrical, popular books about the sea, including the best-selling *The Sea Around Us*, and had become the most respected science writer in America. She completed *Silent Spring* against formidable personal odds, and with it shaped a powerful social movement that has altered the course of history. Amazon.

Introduction by Linda Lear

Headlines in the New York Times in July 1962 captured the national sentiment: 'silent Spring is now noisy summer.' In the few months between the New Yorker's serialization of *Silent Spring* in June and its publication in book form that September, Rachel Carson's alarm touched off a national debate on the use of chemical pesticides, the responsibility of science, and the limits of technological progress. When Carson died barely eighteen months later in the spring of 1964, at the age of fifty-six, she had set in motion a course of events that would result in a ban on the domestic production of DDT and the creation of a grass-roots movement demanding protection of the environment through state and federal regulation. Carson's writing initiated a transformation in the relationship between humans and the natural world and stirred an awakening of public environmental consciousness.

LINK to the Rest of the Story: https://www.amazon.com/Silent-Spring-Rachel-Carson/dp/0618249060/ref=asc_df_0618249060/?tag=hyprod-20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=344004377702&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=13310277443639338438&hvpon=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9011782&hvtargid=pla-466085693683&psc=1&tag=&ref=&adgrpid=69543897592&hvpon=&hvptwo=&hvadid=344004377702&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrnd=13310277443639338438&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9011782&hvtargid=pla-466085693683