Rachel Carson

Scientist, Writer, Ocean Expert

1907 - 1964

Best known for writing *Silent Spring*, ecologist and author Rachel Carson started out as a marine biology student. Carson was hired by the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries--forerunner of the NOAA Fisheries Service--in 1936 as a science writer. Only the second woman to occupy a full-time professional position with the fisheries bureau, Carson became the first woman scientist to sail overnight on a fisheries bureau ship. Her major works about the oceans include *Under the Sea Wind* (1941), *The Sea Around Us* (1951) and *The Edge of the Sea* (1955). Carson believed that all life on Earth is interconnected and that we have a responsibility to be good stewards of the environment. For most of her working life, Carson lived in Silver Spring, Maryland, where NOAA is now headquartered.

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