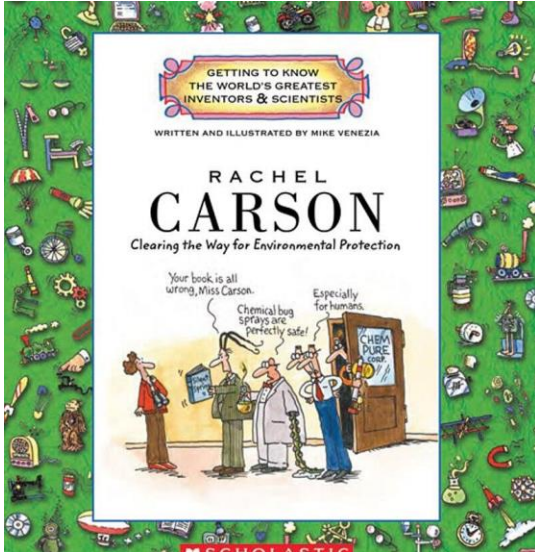


Discussion Guide for Families



Rachel Carson: Clearing the Way for Environmental Protection

Author: Mike Venezia

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Themes: Environment and Sustainability

Book Brief: This engaging book introduces marine biologist Rachel Carson and other influential scientists whose discoveries shaped the way we live and think. Combining vibrant photos, historical images, and cartoon-style illustrations, it brings their work and contributions to life.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask your child “Why do you think it’s important to protect and preserve the environment?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- Why do you think Rachel Carson became so passionate about protecting the environment?
- What role did Congress and the President play in helping to protect the environment during Rachel Carson's time?
- Rachel Carson faced challenges as a woman in science during her time. Why do you think she was able to succeed in her work despite these obstacles?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Create a timeline of Rachel Carson’s life, starting with her interest in science as a child, through her college years, and her adult work as a scientist and author. What impact did her books and work have on protecting the environment?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Encourage them to talk about it during other conversations.
- Check out RIF’s [Sustainable Futures](#) center to learn more about sustainability with related books and resources.