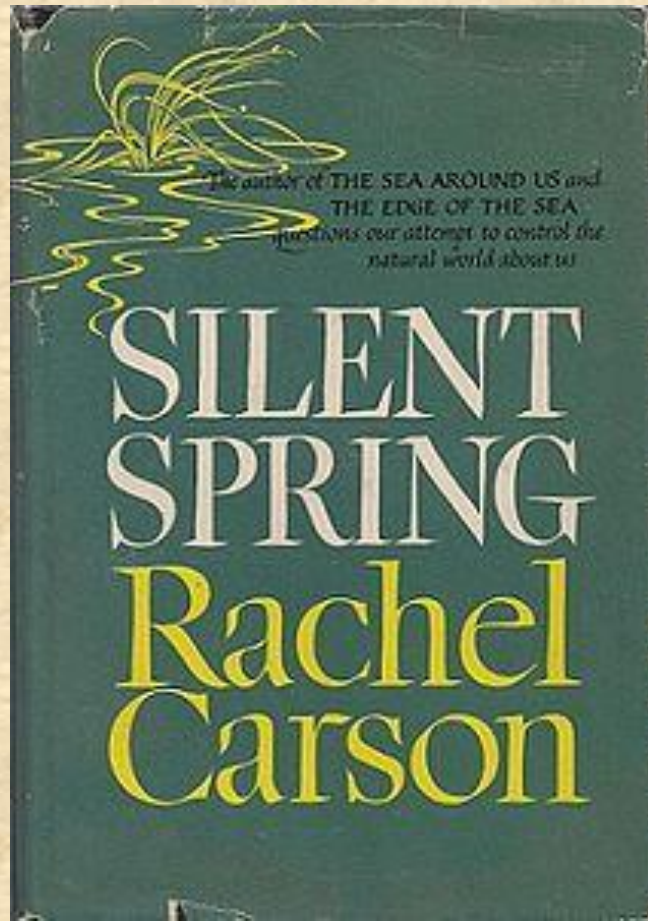


Silent spring
by
Rachel Carson



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- American marine biologist, author, and conservationist whose book *Silent Spring* and other writings are credited with advancing the global environmental movement.

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- Silent spring is a book, written by Rachel Carson in 1962
- It documented the many damaging effects of a popular pesticide called DDT
- The book absolutely revolutionized environmentalism
- Upon publication, it was met with both immense protest and admiration

Within the book

- How DDT entered the food chain and accumulated in the fatty tissues of animals, including human beings, and caused cancer and genetic damage.
- A single application = killed insects for weeks and months
- Carson concluded that DDT and other pesticides had irrevocably harmed

Publication

- The book sold 500,000 copies worldwide
- Protests for environmentalism increased
- JFK changed federal law because of Carson's book
- Spawned dozens of educational and exploratory books