

Discussion Questions for *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson

1. Who has read this book before? When? Was reading it a second time similar to the first?
2. It is said that *Silent Spring* inspired the modern environmental movement. It was published in 1962. Has it held up? Is it still worth reading?
3. Who do you think Rachel Carson was writing this book for? Who was her audience?
4. Is the title a good one?
5. What was the most surprising thing you read?
6. Did you feel there were too many scientific facts, or not enough, or just the right amount?
7. What did you find to be the most interesting part of the book? The least interesting?
8. Has anyone had any experiences that relate to the book?
9. Rachel Carson and *Silent Spring* are still being criticized today. Why?
10. Were you inspired by the book?
11. Are there any additional comments you would like to share?