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This book discusses the excitement surrounding the release of *Silent Spring*. Imagine you are in line to buy the book in 1962. What do you talk about with the others in line? What are your views on environmental issues? Why are you excited to read the book?



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Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about Carson? Write down one or two questions that can guide you in doing research. With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources. Write a few sentences about how you did your research and what you learned from it.



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Another View

As you know, every source is different. Ask a librarian or another adult to help you find another source about Rachel Carson. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source with this book. What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar and why? How are they different and why?



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Take a Stand

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