

Rachel Carson Quotes

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Years, Past, War, Humility, Thinking, Heart, Motivational, Inspirational, Science,
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But man is a part of nature, and his war against nature is inevitably a war against himself.

~Rachel Carson

One way to open your eyes is to ask yourself, "What if I had never seen this before? What if I knew i would never see it again?"

~Rachel Carson

Conservation is a cause that has no end. There is no point at which we will say our work is finished.

~Rachel Carson

Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts.

~Rachel Carson

The human race is challenged more than ever before to demonstrate our mastery, not over nature but of ourselves.

~Rachel Carson

Science is part of the reality of living; it is the what, the how, and the why of everything in our experience.

~Rachel Carson

We cannot have peace among men whose hearts find delight in killing any living creature.

~Rachel Carson

Knowing what I do, there would be no future peace for me if I kept silent.

~Rachel Carson

The more clearly we can focus our attention on the wonders and realities of the universe about us, the less taste we shall have for

destruction.

~Rachel Carson

Drink in the beauty and wonder at the meaning of what you see.

~Rachel Carson

There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature.

~Rachel Carson

The real wealth of the Nation lies in the resources of the earth - soil, water, forests, minerals, and wildlife.

~Rachel Carson

A rainy day is the perfect time for a walk in the woods.

~Rachel Carson

In nature nothing exists alone.

~Rachel Carson

Why would anyone believe it is possible to lay down such barrage of poisons on the surface of the earth without making it unfit for all life? They should not be called insecticides, but biocides.

~Rachel Carson

It is a wholesome and necessary thing for us to turn again to the earth and in the contemplation of her beauties to know the sense of wonder and humility.

~Rachel Carson

We are not truly civilized if we concern ourselves only with the relation of man to man. What is important is the relation of man to all life.

~Rachel Carson

I am always more interested in what I am about to do than what I have

already done.

~Rachel Carson

If there is poetry in my book about the sea, it is not because I deliberately put it there, but because no one could write truthfully about the sea and leave out the poetry.

~Rachel Carson

Have we fallen into a mesmerized state that makes us accept as inevitable that which is inferior or detrimental, as though having lost the will or the vision to demand that which is good?

~Rachel Carson

Wonder and humility are wholesome emotions and they do not exist side by side with a lust for destruction.

~Rachel Carson

The years of early childhood are the time to prepare the soil.

~Rachel Carson

We still talk in terms of conquest. We still haven't become mature enough to think of ourselves as only a tiny part of a vast and incredible universe.

~Rachel Carson

The 'control of nature' is a phrase conceived in arrogance, born of the Neanderthal age of biology and philosophy, when it was supposed that nature exists for the convenience of man.

~Rachel Carson

In every outthrust headland, in every curving beach, in every grain of sand there is the story of the earth.

~Rachel Carson

For all at last return to the sea- to Oceanus, the ocean river, like the ever-flowing stream of time, the beginning and the end.

~Rachel Carson

Only as a child's awareness and reverence for the wholeness of life are developed can his humanity to his own kind reach its full development.

~Rachel Carson

The Choice, after all, is ours to make.

~Rachel Carson

There is no drop of water in the ocean, not even in the deepest parts of the abyss, that does not know and respond to the mysterious forces that create the tide.

~Rachel Carson

A child's world is fresh and new and beautiful, full of wonder and excitement.

~Rachel Carson

If I had influence with the good fairy... I should ask that her gift to each child in the world be a sense of wonder so indestructible that it would last throughout life.

~Rachel Carson

In an age when man has forgotten his origins and is blind even to his most essential needs for survival, water along with other resources has become the victim of his indifference.

~Rachel Carson

Those who love and free nature are never alone.

~Rachel Carson

I like to define biology as the history of the earth and all its life - past,

present, and future.

~Rachel Carson

Then the song of a whitethroat, pure and ethereal, with the dreamy quality of remembered joy.

~Rachel Carson

There is one quality that characterizes all of us who deal with the sciences of the earth and its life - we are never bored.

~Rachel Carson

The edge of the sea is a strange and beautiful place.

~Rachel Carson

Unless we have courage to recognize cruelty for what it is - whether its victim is human or animal - we cannot expect things to be much better in the world.

~Rachel Carson

It is ironic to think that man might determine his own future by something so seemingly trivial as the choice of an insect spray.

~Rachel Carson

Even in the vast and mysterious reaches of the sea we are brought back to the fundamental truth that nothing lives to itself.

~Rachel Carson

For the first time in the history of the world, every human being is now subjected to contact with dangerous chemicals, from the moment of conception until death.

~Rachel Carson

Those who dwell, as scientists or laymen, among the beauties and mysteries of the earth, are never alone or weary of life.

~Rachel Carson

The road we have long been traveling is deceptively easy, a smooth superhighway on which we progress with great speed, but at its end lies disaster.

~Rachel Carson

It is not half so important to know as to feel.

~Rachel Carson

The most alarming of all man's assaults upon the environment is the contamination of air, earth, rivers, and sea with dangerous and even lethal materials.

~Rachel Carson

As crude a weapon as a cave man's club, the chemical barrage has been hurled against the fabric of life.

~Rachel Carson

Beginnings are apt to be shadowy.

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Beginnings are apt to be shadowy and so it is the beginnings of the great mother life, the sea.

~Rachel Carson

It is also an era dominated by industry, in which the right to make a dollar at whatever cost is seldom challenged.

~Rachel Carson

The question is whether any civilization can wage relentless war on life without destroying itself, and without losing the right to be called civilized.

~Rachel Carson

The obligation to endure gives us the right to know.

~Rachel Carson

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Like the resource it seeks to protect, wildlife conservation must be dynamic, changing as conditions change, seeking always to become more effective.

~Rachel Carson

Only within the moment of time represented by the present century has one species -- man -- acquired significant power to alter the nature of the world.

~Rachel Carson

I sincerely believe that for the child, and for the parent seeking to guide him, it is not half so important to 'know' as to 'feel'.

~Rachel Carson

Always the edge of the sea remains an elusive and indefinable boundary. The shore has a dual nature, changing with the swing of the tides, belonging now to the land, now to the sea.

~Rachel Carson

For the sense of smell, almost more than any other, has the power to recall memories and it's a pity we use it so little.

~Rachel Carson

How could intelligent beings seek to control a few unwanted species by a method that contaminated the entire environment and brought the threat of disease and death even to their own kind?

~Rachel Carson

Every mystery solved brings us to the threshold of a greater one.

~Rachel Carson

To understand the living present, and the promise of the future, it is necessary to remember the past.

~Rachel Carson

Knowing what I do, there would be no future peace for me if I kept silent... It is, in the deepest sense, a privilege as well as a duty to speak out to many thousands of people.

~Rachel Carson

This is an era of specialists, each of whom sees his own problem and is unaware of or intolerant of the larger frame into which it fits.

~Rachel Carson

No witchcraft, no enemy action had silenced the rebirth of new life in this stricken world. The people had done it themselves.

~Rachel Carson

One summer night, out on a flat headland, all but surrounded by the waters of the bay, the horizons were remote and distant rims on the edge of space.

~Rachel Carson

The discipline of the writer is to learn to be still and listen to what his subject has to tell him.

~Rachel Carson

Darling -- I suppose the world would consider us absolutely crazy, but it is wonderful to feel that way, isn't it? Sort of a perpetual springtime in our hearts.

~Rachel Carson

When any living thing has come to the end of its cycle, we accept that end as natural. When that intangible cycle has run its course it is a natural and not unhappy thing that a life comes to its end.

~Rachel Carson

The shore is an ancient world, for as long as there has been an earth and sea there has been this place of the meeting of land and water.

~Rachel Carson

We are rightly appalled by the genetic effects of radiation; how then, can we be indifferent to the same effect in chemicals we disseminate widely in our environment?

~Rachel Carson

And so in my mind's eye these coastal forms merge and blend in a shifting, kaleidoscopic pattern in which there is no finality, no ultimate and fixed reality - earth becoming fluid as the sea itself.

~Rachel Carson

But most of all I shall remember the monarchs, that unhurried westward drift of one small winged form after another, each drawn by some invisible force.

~Rachel Carson

Nature reserves some of her choice rewards for days when her mood may appear to be somber.

~Rachel Carson

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