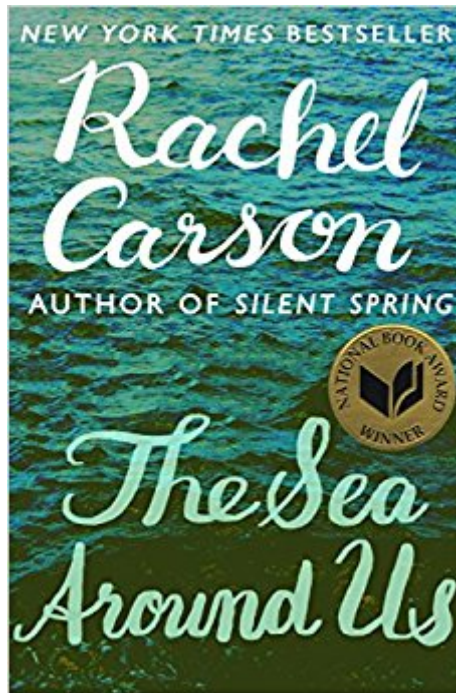




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National Book Award Winner and New York Times Bestseller: Explore earth's most precious, mysterious resource—the ocean—with the author of *Silent Spring*. With more than one million copies sold, Rachel Carson's *The Sea Around Us* became a cultural phenomenon when first published in 1951 and cemented Carson's status as the preeminent natural history writer of her time. Her inspiring, intimate writing plumbs the depths of an enigmatic world—a place of hidden lands, islands newly risen from the earth's crust, fish that pour through the water, and the unyielding, epic battle for survival. Firmly based in the scientific discoveries of the time, *The Sea Around Us* masterfully presents Carson's commitment to a healthy planet and a fully realized sense of wonder. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Rachel Carson including rare photos and never-before-seen documents from the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University.

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Customer Reviews

This was a surprise read for me. I knew that this work was out of date when I ordered it, but I was

willing to overlook mistakes of fact if Ms. Carson could give me insight. Good call. This book is a great book. If one has any feelings for the sea at all, she or he will enjoy this book immensely. Forget about continental shift or any other fact that one might find missing or incorrect when Ms. Carson wrote this book. We have Wikipedia nowadays for the finicky. Ms. Carson's love of the sea is timeless. Immediately upon finishing "The Sea Around Us", I had to call up Conrad's, "The Mirror of the Sea" (mentioned by Ms. Carson as one of the most moving books she had read). Two great books, especially if one reads them back to back. What a great experience!

The Special Edition is a small paperback that does not include any of the pictures in the original ---- only the text, with an updated introduction and afterward written in 1989 by other authors. While the text is worthy of 5 stars, this edition is being rated at 3 because it does not include the pictures. Those seeking the text and pictures of The Sea Around Us would be advised to buy another edition, perhaps the 2003 one.

The Sea Around Us was first published in 1950 and revised in 1960. The revisions mostly take the form of footnotes, which in my edition are shown in the text. TSAU is one of the single handful of most famous popular science books ever. I probably never would have picked it up, thinking it hopelessly outdated, except for a wonderful PBS documentary on Ms. Carson. But having the added hook, knowing the context, joined with the motivation of that it must be famous for something, inspired me after all these decades to give it a go. So first of all, what is it? From the bio I know that it is highly scientific, i.e., it is largely based on primary sources. Also, that it was many years in writing. What emerges is 15 chapters, loosely grouped into three sections, which are loosely grouped into the book. Some of the subjects of the chapters are what does the bottom of the ocean look like and how could these structures, e.g., canyons in the continental shelf have formed? How did humans migrate over the ocean, especially in prehistoric times? Some of the subjects are rich and surprising: life on the ocean bottom depends on the long snowfall of detritus. Now for evaluation. I learned much. Considering the beginning was perhaps the most outdated I was pleasantly surprised. Of course, the tides must affect the deep ocean. The tides were really much higher in the ancient earth? Of course, since the moon was much closer. So, the oceans daily must have swept over much greater parts of the continents. And with violence. How dated is it? There were only the first computers. Only the first satellites. Only the first DNA sequencing. Continental drift was still speculative. Deep ocean vents were still undiscovered. Some of the fun is seeing how much has changed, but yet how much they got right. Much of the praise is

for the writing and the language. Certainly, every word is indeed in its place. And every paragraph. Often the best language though is from the quotes, especially from the mariners. Digressing, I now understand Moana better than before! So yes, it is a great book and very much recommended for anybody who looks forward to their vacation on the ocean every year. Especially if they love nature. And science.

A terrific book. Though dated with scientific facts at the time (1960's), it is an invaluable resource for learning about the precepts of life sciences and the ocean specifically. You would not be dissatisfied with this lovely book. Rachel Carson's writing is fluid, easy to understand and so well written that even more complex scientific principles come to life.

It was amazing. It has a section first off about the person giving more information on what we have discovered from what Rachel knew to now. There's sections on almost every page giving more detail. Rachel's writing is amazing it gives a sense of wonder about the ocean as it gives you information, it inspires you to get behind the cause of saving our ocean or at least to care about it more.

This landmark book was for many the first glimpse of the underwater world of our vast oceans. While there have been many discoveries since it was written, Carson's writing is captivating and worth diving into.

This book is amazing. Rachel Carson has made me want to go to sea again with both a new knowledge as well as a greater desire to observe. Rodger IS a lucky man to have traveled with and to have been adopted by this Woman. READ and grow from this tome.....

Rachel Carson changed the way I see our world. Thank you for opening our eyes to the hazards of chemical pollution.

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