

Spring After Spring

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: New Beginnings, Nature, Spring, Women Empowerment

Book Brief: Road trips are exciting, especially when they offer interesting places to visit and new things to learn. Through poetry, readers take a cross-country journey to 14 historic tree sites, from the Emancipation Oak in Virginia to the old Methuselah tree in California, traveled to the moon, and sparked hope.

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about Rachel.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "What happens during Spring?"

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, listen to how Rachel Carson inspired the environmental movement."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- How does Rachel feel about spring? What does she see, hear, and smell during this season?
- What things in Rachel's life made her want to study nature and help the environment?
- Why did people think the poison was safe at first? What did they not know about it?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: How did Rachel Carson inspire the environmental movement?

Extending Our Thinking: Using [RIF's Writing Template](#), have students write a persuasive letter encouraging someone to help protect the environment, using reasons and examples from the text to support their argument.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about Women's History with the [Women's History Month Collection](#).