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Read the text and write true (T) or false (F).



I'm really interested in ecology and my heroine is Rachel Carson (1907-1964) because she was the first person to make people think about humans' damage to the Earth's ecosystems. She began as a biologist, specialising in writing about the sea, but she gradually became aware of the danger of using synthetic pesticides like DDT (Dichloro Diphenyl Trichloroethane) and learned they could harm the whole of the food chain, from the worm to humans! She wrote her classic book *Silent Spring* in 1962 to explain this to the general public. The title of *Silent Spring* says that one day all the birds will be dead so they won't be able to sing in the springtime. The agricultural and chemical industries reacted very badly to the book and said she was unprofessional. But other scientists researched and proved that she was right about the dangers of chemicals. She said some chemicals would kill insects. Nowadays there is a movement for organic food production, but unfortunately, things in general are still getting worse. We still need to read Rachel Carson's book and think about its message.

1. Rachel Carson specialised in pesticides. (.....)
2. She showed that humans were harming the environment. (.....)
3. Using synthetic pesticides was dangerous for the food chain. (.....)
4. The book "Silent Spring" says that humans must be silent in spring. (.....)
5. Chemicals are used to kill insects. (.....)
6. If farmers didn't use chemicals, we wouldn't have organic food. (.....)