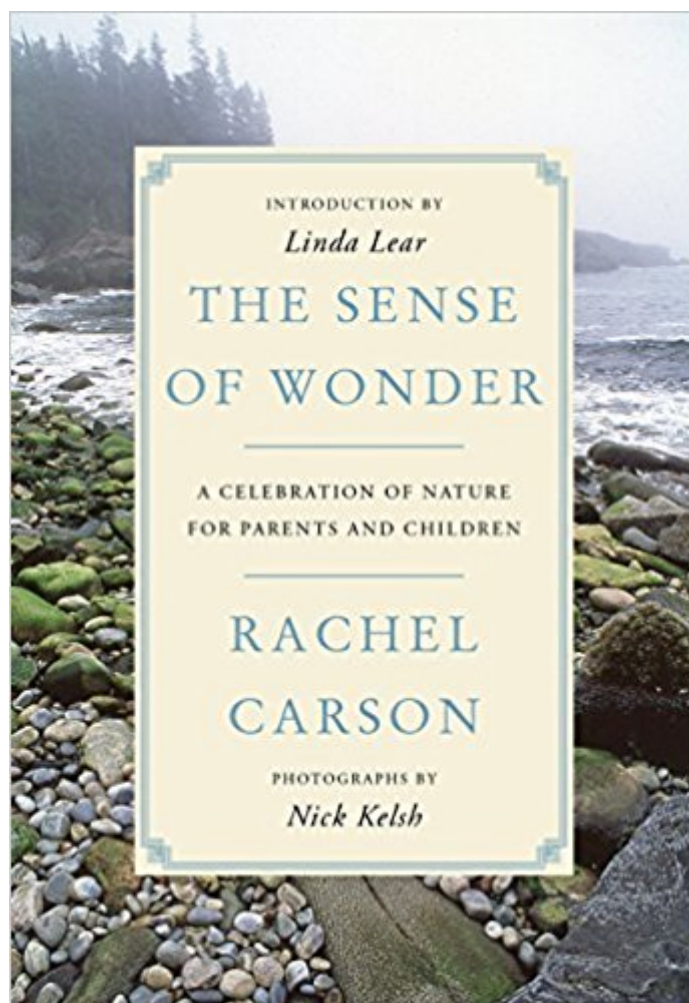


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# The Sense Of Wonder: A Celebration Of Nature For Parents And Children



## Synopsis

First published a half-century ago, Rachel Carson's award-winning *The Sense of Wonder* remains the classic guide to introducing children to the marvels of nature. In 1955, acclaimed conservationist Rachel Carson—author of *Silent Spring*—began work on an essay that she would come to consider one of her life's most important projects. Her grandnephew, Roger Christie, had visited Carson that summer at her cottage in Maine, and together they had wandered the surrounding woods and tide pools. Teaching Roger about the natural wonders around them, Carson began to see them anew herself, and wanted to relate that same magical feeling to others who might hope to introduce a child to the beauty of nature. "To help a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder," writes Carson, "and he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in." Now available in paperback, *The Sense of Wonder* is a timeless volume that will be passed on from generation to generation, as treasured as the memory of an early-morning walk when the song of a whippoorwill was heard as if for the first time. Featuring serene color photographs from renowned photographer Nick Kelsh, this beautifully illustrated edition makes a fine gift for new and prospective mothers and fathers (Gregory McNamee), and helps us all to tap into the extraordinary power of the natural world.

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Not long before she died in 1964, the noted environmental writer Rachel Carson wrote an essay for *Woman's Home Companion* magazine called "Helping Your Child to Wonder." In that

essay--reprinted here, with photographs of natural subjects by Nick Kelsh--Carson urged parents to take their children to wild places in order to introduce them to the astonishing variety of life that exists all around us: to study birds, listen to the winds, and observe the stars. Too much of the child's subsequent education, she warns, will be devoted to dimming that "clear-eyed vision, that true instinct for what is beautiful and awe-inspiring" with which children are born; it is the parent's task to be an adult guide who can in turn rediscover the "excitement and mystery of the world we live in." Carson's words are timely, and this beautifully illustrated edition makes a fine gift for new and prospective mothers and fathers. --Gregory McNamee --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

RACHEL CARSON (1907-1964) was known as the patron saint of the environmental movement. She was the author of *Silent Spring*, which exposed the dangers of pesticides and fertilizers. She passed away as she was finishing *The Sense of Wonder*. NICK KELSH is a photographer who is the author of *How to Photograph Your Life*. A native of Fargo, North Dakota, he lives in Philadelphia with his wife, Anne.

This short and insightful writing by Rachel Carson is a pioneering work on the value human connection with nature. It has been a guiding light in my horticultural therapy work for decades. The sense of wonder she speaks of can make a dynamic difference in not only every child but for individuals with developmental, physical, mental and emotional challenges, including those with of us with depression or dementia, including Alzheimer's. She describes a walk in nature as a journey of discovery. This sparks the imagination and creativity. Strongly recommend this book to anyone seeking an escape from stress, or simply seeking a place to share discoveries with another human being. Any hospital healing garden, botanical garden or backyard can become a place to experience the sense of wonder she so vividly describes.

Rachel Carson's message to us all...go outside and share nature with children. Her message with the wonderful, superb photos that accompany this book is a book to have in every home...to remind us that going outside is an important experience for young and old alike. You can pick up this book any time in any place and still come out with a positive and important message.

The beautiful photographs on every other page enhanced the sensitive reflections. It is a book to treasure.

Everyone should be reading this and reflecting on their lives. It is about connecting to nature not locking it away in some static zoo type of scenario. The tide comes and goes out and not everything is constant because of it.

Rachel Carson wrote this book for her young nephew. It is beautifully written. The book reflects Rachel Carson's deep love for the sea. I bought this book, many years ago, for my then young children. I was overjoyed when I saw it was available again.

Beautiful writing! Might be a "must read" for parents, grandparents or close friends of a toddler. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all children received this introduction to nature.

A must read for parents to help them understand how to infuse their child with a love of the natural world.

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