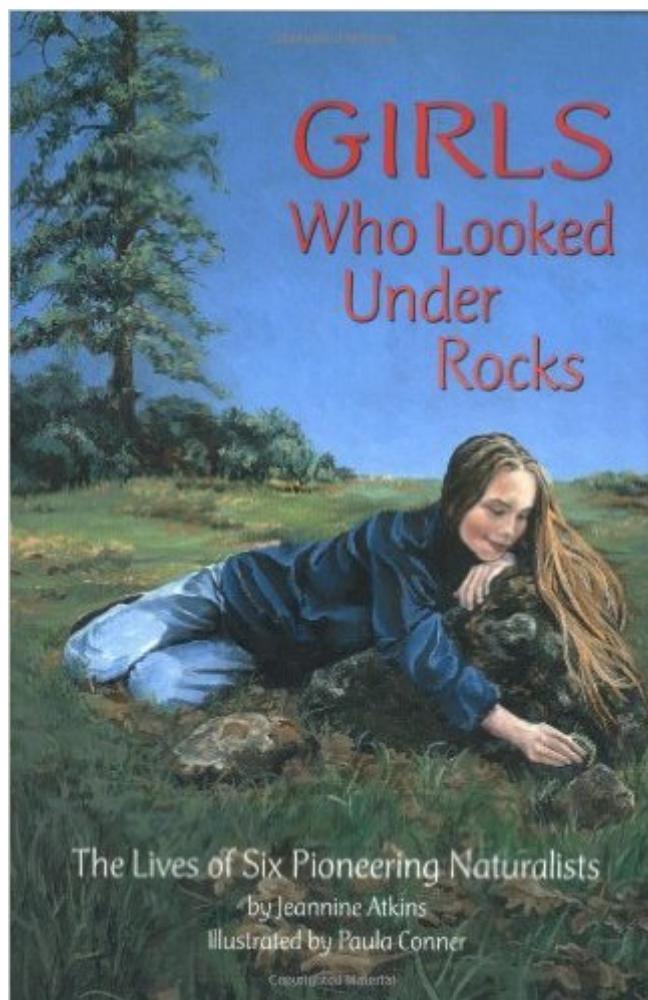


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# Girls Who Looked Under Rocks: The Lives Of Six Pioneering Naturalists



## **Synopsis**

If there is a pre-teen or adolescent in your life, especially a girl, take a look at this empowering, inspiring chapter book. It portrays the youths and careers of six remarkable women whose curiosity about nature fueled a passion to steadfastly overcome obstacles to careers in traditionally men-only occupations. The six--Maria Merian (b.1647), Anna Comstock (b.1854), Frances Hamerstrom (b.1907), Rachel Carson (b.1907), Miriam Rothschild (b.1908), and Jane Goodall (b.1934)--all became renowned scientists, artists and writers. A wonderful resource for young researchers and biographers, these stories can be a starting point for issues of gender, science, and the environment.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Six women whose interest in nature began as young girls are profiled in short biographies that are interesting and easy to read. The biographies are accompanied by lovely charcoal drawings of each subject engaged in her area of interest as either a young girl or woman or both. The women: Maria Sibylla Merian (1647-1717), Anna Botsford Comstock (1854-1930), Frances Hamerstrom(1907-1998), Rachel Carson (1907-1964), Miriam Rothschild (1908-), and Jane Goodall (1934-) became noted scientists, teachers and authors but some were often discouraged from

pursuing their interests. The book highlights each woman's fundamental understanding of the connections between all living things. This book would be an excellent addition to any middle school library .

Well written, straight forward biographies of some interesting naturalists. Not overly sentimental- the challenges of their lives are not glossed over, but they are not romanticized either. As expected, our 2nd grader- the one who can identify half a dozen types of slug in our garden- \*loved\* this book. What surprised us, though, was that her frilly sister- the one who reckons that gardens are for tea parties- enjoyed the book as well. Don't limit yourself to giving this book to nature-loving girls!

The 1st copy we bought of this book was at a national park for our science and nature loving 6 year old daughter. She loved being read the stories of women and girls who enjoyed catching critters, studying all sorts of creatures, and having amazing adventures across the world. It's not a book with an obvious or heavy handed agenda in the writing. It's just a collection of stories about trailblazing women over the past few hundred years who loved science and lead interesting lives. I say that as there is no reason why a young boy wouldn't enjoy these stories as well. A mom and her kids catching mice in a movie theater to feed their pet raptors? C'mon, who doesn't love that?! We've since purchased this as a gift for other kids and it has been enjoyed by them as well.

As a child/adolescent psychiatrist, I believe that nurturing passions in girls (and boys) from a young age toward environmental concerns, loving and honoring the natural world will help them visualize the positive changes they can make within their own lifetimes. Imagination, nature walks, "unplugging" from electronics and screens, are all healthy ways to navigate around the disconnected reality of technology (iPad, cell phones, videogames, handheld games, etc.). This book is a wonderful example of passionate, powerful yet gentle, thoughtful, and patient women who taught us so much about our world - it can be a great way to help kids see what they can do (outside of developing video games and alternative realities).

This is a excellent book for the young naturalist. My 10 year old granddaughter has been fascinated by bugs and other critters since she was a toddler. My husband would walk her around our property and turn over rocks so she could see the worlds that exist underneath and she loved it. Today she is still looking under rocks and studying the life going on there. To find a book that shows her how these women made their life's work studying these same things was wonderful. I am so happy to be

able to let her see the many opportunities that exist for someone with her love and fascination with critters and bugs that some people are never aware of. I hope to be able to find more books for her to promote her interest as she gets older. I always try to read a book before giving it to one of my grandchildren and this one is great. We can always learn something new. If you have one of those children who show curiosity for the unseen world under our feet they will love this book.

We bought this for our grand-girls to help them appreciate the role of women in science, and other realms of endeavor, which is sadly not given enough attention. Priming them for becoming a future leader, rep/senator/president, Nobel winner, or happy intelligent woman.

A great book to inspire young girls to be their very best! Science is a girl's avenue to achieving her maximum potential in life.

We purchased this for our granddaughter for her Chrsitmas/9th birthday gift. We had recently been discussing Jane Goodall, so it was very timely and she certainly enjoyed it.

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