

About Hope Jahren

Hope Jahren is an award-winning scientist who has been pursuing independent research in paleobiology since 1996, when she completed her Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley and began teaching and researching, first at the Georgia Institute of Technology and then at Johns Hopkins University. She is the recipient of three Fulbright Awards and is one of four scientists, and the only woman, to have been awarded both of the Young Investigator Medals given in the earth sciences. She was a tenured professor at the University of Hawai'i in Honolulu from 2008 to 2016, where she built the Isotope Geobiology Laboratories, with support from the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Energy, and the National Institutes of Health. She currently holds the J. Tuzo Wilson Professorship at the University of Oslo, Norway.

About *Lab Girl*

Lab Girl is a beautifully crafted blend of memoir and science writing wherein Hope Jahren, a renowned research scientist, moves with ease between the wonders and rigors of scientific investigation and the demands and joys that have shaped her personal life.

Growing up in rural Minnesota, Jahren spent her happiest hours with her father, who taught physics and earth science at a local community college and gave his daughter free rein in his laboratory after hours. In *Lab Girl*, Jahren traces her path from an early infatuation with the natural world to her hard-earned triumphs as a scientist recognized for breakthrough contributions to her field. She braids together stories of her emotional and professional challenges, of the bond with her odd and brilliant lab partner who helped her persevere, and descriptions of plant life that, at once lyrical and precise, reveal the unseen processes driving the natural world. Through these different perspectives, she draws unexpected connections between plants and the people whose lives depend on them that will make you see both realms in a new light.

Jahren's probing look at plants, her astonishing tenacity of spirit, and her acute insights on nature enliven every page of *Lab Girl*. This book opens your eyes to the beautiful, sophisticated mechanisms within every leaf, blade of grass and flower petal. Here is an eloquent demonstration of what can happen when you find the stamina, passion and sense of sacrifice needed to make a life out of what you truly love, as you discover along the way the person you were meant to be.

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