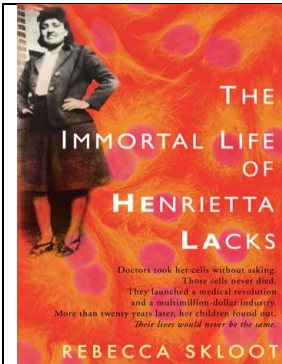


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## The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

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"Carrel's New Miracle Points Way to Avert Old Age! ... Scientists Grow Immortal Chicken Heart ... Death Perhaps Not Inevitable" ( Skloot 59). This is the title of a newspaper article when scientists were finding new ways they could use HeLa. The Immortal life of Henrietta Lacks is a book about a woman who has a knot on her cervix which turns out to be cervical cancer. The story it takes place in the early 1950s when doctors didn't have to tell anyone exactly what they were going to do and what they were going to be tested for. A doctor by the name of Howard Jones was one of the men that was helping supply scientists with other peoples cells when the where asleep in surgery and that's exactly what happened to Henrietta lacks. After Jones took Henrietta's cells without her knowledge and permission, he gave them to George Gey who distributed the cells around the world after finding out that they grew way faster than another cell out there but no one ever gave credit to Henrietta after she gave the cells and died a couple of months later. I recommend this book to mature readers who are interested in cervical cancer medical research.

### **“Carrel’s New Miracle Points Way to Avert Old Age”**

Some content is not for younger people for example: “As Day drove with his arm around Ethel in front, Galen would grab Deborah in the backseat, forcing his hands under her shirt, in her pants, between her legs.” ( 113). This is a prime example of why small children/ teens should not read this book because they should not be exposed to this violence and invasion of personal space.

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks is a very good book for people who are looking for the history of HeLa the birth place to solving cancer and the birth place of the biggest medical revolution in history. This book is a very good secondary source for the birth place of cancer medical research. For example “He’d seen easily a thousand cervical cancer lesions, but never anything like this: shiny purple ( like grape Jell-O-O)”. This is a good example of how it gives information on history and giving you some easy to understand comprehension.

This book is very well written and I recommend it to everyone that is older than 13 or 14. Even though some of the content is not for children it is still good for mature teens to read things like this for them to get understanding of cancer and how real some of are history is. So what are you waiting for go out and buy yourself a copy of this book!!!