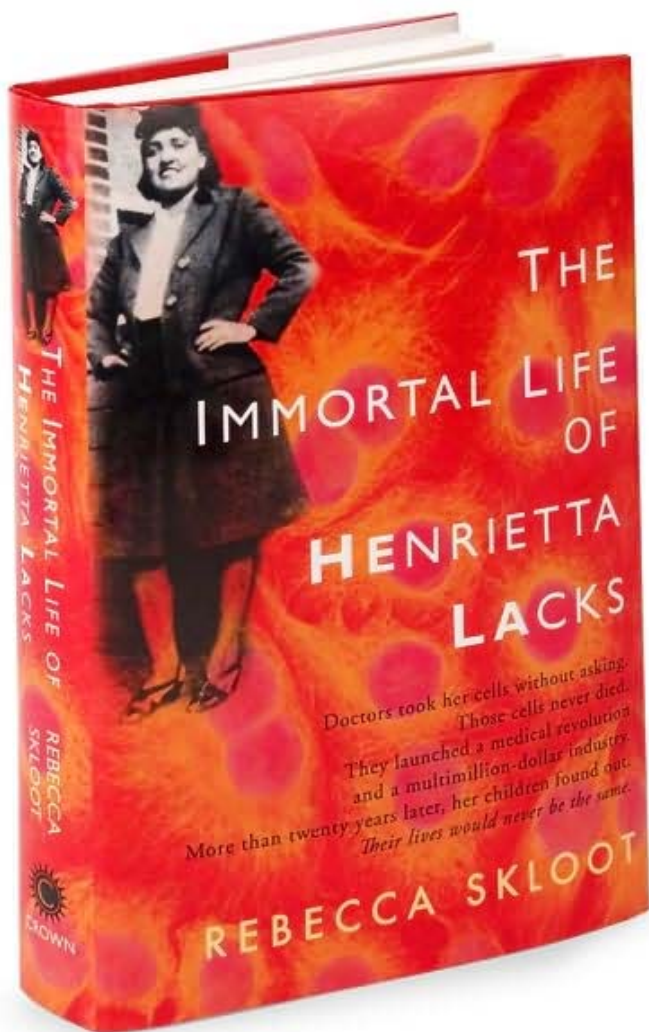


The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

by Rebecca Skloot

Reviewed by Jasmine Luckhurst – 3/30/2010



The book I read this last week was "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. This book was completely captivating. It is not often that I read a book and want to discuss it with everyone in my life, but this is definitely in that category.

This book is about a woman who died in 1951 from cervical cancer. Her doctors in Johns Hopkins hospital took cells from her cervix, and sent them away to a lab for research without her consent or consent from her family. In fact, her family found out about her cells by accident 20 years after she died by accident. Henrietta Lacks' cells are immortal cells. They float on the air and get stuck on your clothes if you come into contact with them, and have caused

billions of dollars of damage to research. They have also aided in creating a polio vaccine, and helped doctors learn how to grow new corneas for folks that need them.

I recommend this book to anyone. There is a big controversy about tissue research that I had no idea about until I read this book. This book touches on Henrietta's life, her family's life, the doctor's lives, tissue research, and more. Read this book. You won't regret it.

~ Jasmine Luckhurst

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