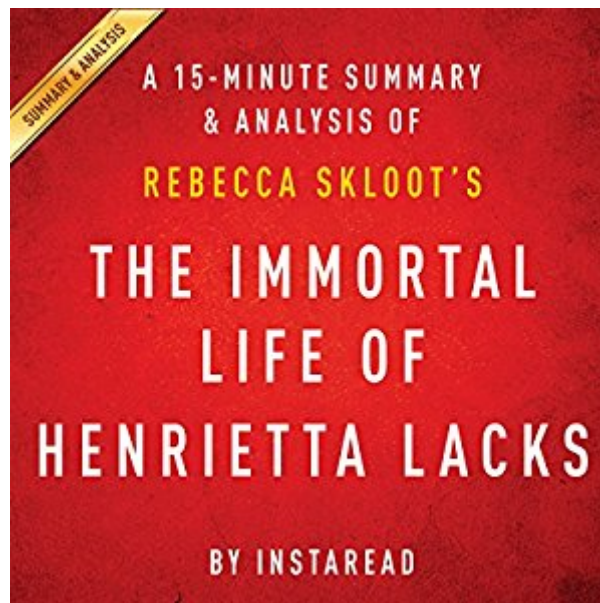




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# **The Immortal Life Of Henrietta Lacks By Rebecca Skloot: A 15-minute Summary & Analysis**



## Synopsis

Rebecca Skloot's book, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, chronicles the life, death, and immortality of Henrietta Lacks, a young black woman whose cervical cancer cells became one of the most important factors in bringing about important scientific and medical advancements in the 20th century. Her family, however, did not know that researchers were using Henrietta's cells in their experiments until much later. When the family learned the truth, they endured turmoil and heartache in the decades that followed. Henrietta grew up in Clover, Virginia, where she lived and worked on a tobacco farm with her grandfather, Tommy Lacks, and many cousins. One of these cousins was David "Day" Lacks, who would become her husband. Please note: This is an unofficial summary and analysis of the book and not the original book. What you'll hear when you listen to this Instaread summary & analysis of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*: Summary of entire book Introduction to the important people in the book Analysis of key takeaways About the author: With Instaread, you can get the summary and analysis of a book in 15 minutes. We read every chapter, summarize it, and analyze it for your convenience.

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Henrietta Lacks was a young black woman who died from cervical cancer. Unknown to her or her family, Henrietta's cells (healthy and cancerous) were taken and shared with a medical research facility. Over time, her cells, dubbed Hela Cells, became the basis for a number of medical breakthroughs. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*: by Rebecca Skloot-A 15-minute Key Takeaways & analysis by Instaread provides a brief, but profound analysis of Skloot's book.

One of the most disturbing key takeaways is that medical experimentation on black people has a long history in the United States. After reading this analysis, including a review of the strengths and weaknesses of Skloot's research methods and the resulting book, you might be encouraged to get the full book for a more in-depth look. Even in this short review/analysis, the turmoil and anguish suffered by Henrietta Lacks' family when they discovered what had been done comes through clearly. The Instareads books are an excellent way to get the gist of a book before buying it. In this case, it will likely make you want to go out and buy the real thing.

This is a summary and analysis of the book, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" and is not the actual book. The review summarizes what the overall book is about, lists important people and key takeaways, analyzes the book's key takeaways, and discusses the author's style and perspective. The review is very well written and easy to follow. It discusses the personal life of Henrietta Lacks, her death from cervical cancer, and the usage of her cells (HeLa cells) for medical research. I had never heard of Henrietta's immortal cells, so it was really interesting to read about her contributions to science and medicine. The review also discusses how the use of her cells negatively effected the lives of her family members which leads to debate of the need for informed consent. I'd highly recommend this summary for those interested in learning more about Henrietta's Life and the impact her cells have had in medical research.

This is a great review of Skloot's book, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks." Skloot follows the issue of Henrietta Lacks and her cancer cells, known in the science community as HeLa cells, and where ownership and consent lie. Lacks's family found out later about how her cells were being used for research, and felt betrayed. Did the doctors and researchers cross an ethical line by taking Lacks's cells and not asking for consent? The analysis of this book is thorough, exploring the issues and dilemmas of the scientific community, who have benefited enormously from HeLa cells. Quite simply, the amount of research done because HeLa cells are immortal, have dramatically changed our lives. But even with these benefits, what role do ethics play? This review asks and answers questions like this. I recommend this review because of its depth and its analysis. It does a better job of looking into these questions than the original book.

It's very interesting to know where many medical terms, diagnostics and treatments originate from. I had never heard of the HELA cells but this analysis quickly captivated me and prompted me to do a little research and now I am hooked and want to learn more about Henrietta Lacks and her immortal

life.

I definitely love this history by Henrietta Lacks. This summary is very well written and I have decided to buy the book. I recommend it if you're not sure about this book and you're looking for a good summary.

A guide to the essential points in the life of Henrietta Lacks and the central text.

Very useful and it arrived quickly.

Understandable and factual. I liked the book.

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