

Rochester Institute of Technology
Welcomes **Rebecca Skloot**



Award
Winning
Science
Writer



Her name was
Henrietta Lacks,
but scientists know her
as **HeLa**.

She was a poor
southern tobacco
farmer who worked
the same land as her
slave ancestors, yet her
cells (taken without her
knowledge) became
one of the most
important tools in
medicine.

**THE
IMMORTAL
LIFE
OF
HENRIETTA
LACKS**

A black and white photograph of Henrietta Lacks, a woman standing outdoors, wearing a dark coat and a hat. The photo is partially obscured by the title text.

The first "immortal"
human cells grown in
culture, they are still alive
today.

HeLa cells were vital for
developing the polio
vaccine; uncovered
secrets of cancer, viruses,
and the effects of the
atom bomb. They have
helped lead to important
advances like in vitro
fertilization, cloning, and
gene mapping.

Thursday

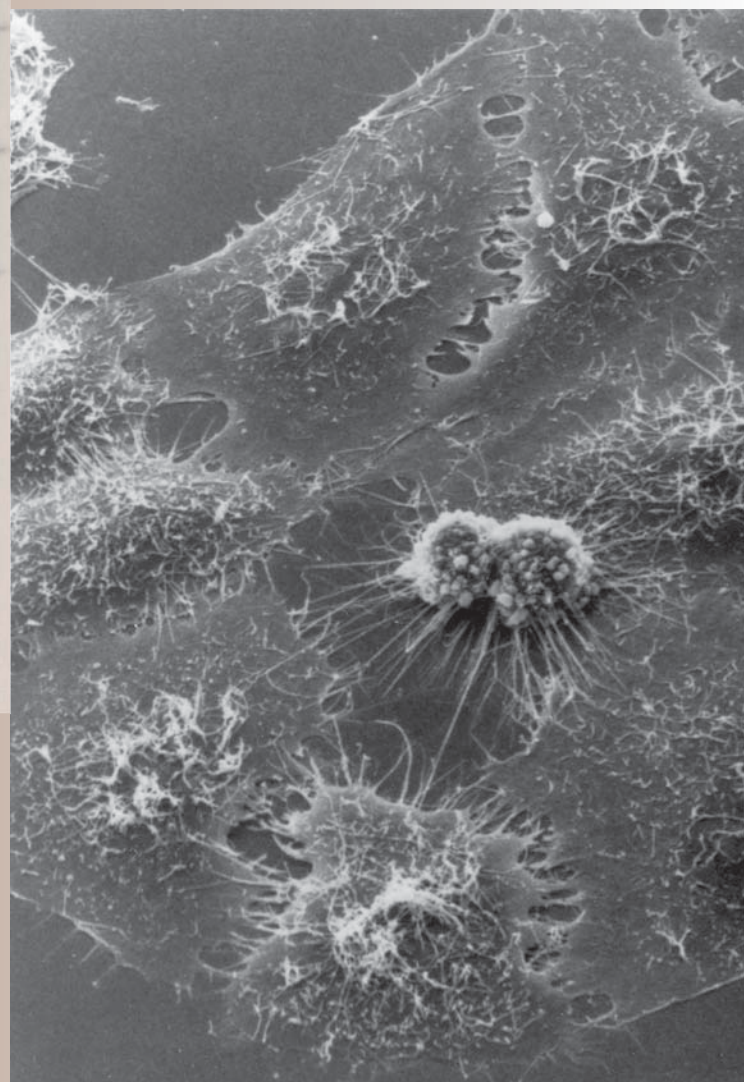
Sept. 30, 2010

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Reception and
Book signing
in the
Fireside Lounge
immediately
following



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