

# Preface

The MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology (LMB) in Cambridge, UK is a powerhouse of science, with a tally of 12 Nobel prizes to prove it. Histories of the lab have revolved predominantly around the men who have worked there, but what about their female counterparts? From its foundation some 60 years ago, right up to the present day, woman scientists trained at the LMB have produced outstanding work, and many have gone on to stellar careers at the world's foremost scientific institutions.

This book showcases the scientific achievements of some of these pioneers, describing the work they have done within the context of their lives outside the lab. Their stories demonstrate how these two competing priorities can be combined into a successful whole.