**Selected Reviews and Praise for Books by Robert L. Zimdahl**

Praise for ***Fundamentals of Weed Science***

Winner of The William Holmes McGuffey Longevity Award for College Texts (2009)

– Textbook Association of America

“Having examined the major textbooks in this field, I would recommend Zimdahl’s *Fundamentals of Weed Science* if someone were to own just one. The combination of its readability for non-specialists and its emphasis on an holistic approach to weeds set it apart from the others.”  
– John R. Stepp, University of Georgia, in *Economic Botany*

“...the book contains a good overview of weed science fundamentals...*Fundamentals of Weed Science* has many good aspects including its biological and ecological approaches to the improved understanding of weeds.”  
– Stephen C. Weller, Purdue University, in *Quarterly Review of Biology*

“The book will be of value to undergraduate students in weed science; faculty, graduate students, and researchers who need a survey of the basics of weed science; and government and policy officials who need a primer for weed science in order to evaluate impact assessments for particular weed management strategies.”  
–*Weed Technology*

“One of the more thoughtful and extensive overviews of weeds and their management.”  
– *IPMnet News*

“The book is of great value as an introduction in the field of weed science, especially useful in undergraduate courses taught at many universities.”  
– Jack van Rensen in *Journal of Plant Physiology*

“I recommend this book to anyone looking for a text for an introductory weed science class. It is written at a level appropriate to introduce the subject matter... and stimulate... interest in learning more about the subject area.”  
– Jean A. Gleichsner in *Plant Science Bulletin*

Praise for ***Agriculture’s Ethical Horizon***

“This book takes on the largest scientific and ethical challenge of our past and present and does so in an engaging manner.”

– Wes Jackson, president, The Land Institute

“*Agriculture’s Ethical Horizon* is both a competent review of value conflicts in agriculture and a striking tale of the intellectual, even spiritual, transformation of an agriculturalist who was a leader in one agriculture’s most dramatic technical revolutions, the development of chemical weed control. Everyone will find something to criticize. No alert reader will be left unaffected and most will have responses which, in their sense of being intellectually cool, they will have to admit are profoundly emotional–one way or the other. I predict that whole conferences will be based on this book. Historians of environmental sciences should pay particular attention.”

– Stanislaus J. Dundon, California State University, Sacramento

I write to express my appreciation for your book *Agriculture’s Ethical Horizon*. I am much inspired. It reinforced my paradox of having been drawn into the agricultural sector for experiential reasons only to find one’s education and career and ‘rationalized’ and experientially disconnected.”

– Daniel Sandars. School of Applied Sciences, Cranfield University, Bedfordshire, UK.

“Roughly 6.5 billion people inhabit the earth, but over 1 billion people regularly go hungry. This food shortfall poses an ethical dilemma for agriculture. On one hand, agriculture may be obligated ethically to increase production so that an additional billion people have adequate food. However, achieving such an increase with current agricultural practices has real potential to ravage the resource bases of soil, water, and clean air, and thereby jeopardize agriculture's ability to maintain even current production levels. *Agriculture’s Ethical Horizon* grapples with this dilemma. It argues that agricultural productivity has been the quintessential value of agriculture that has trumped other concerns such as sustainability, environmental preservation, and social justice. Having laid the philosophical groundwork, Zimdahl then tackles various issues in modern agriculture, such as approaches to weed control, sustainability, and biotechnology it is especially difficult to stay current in the debate over a topic like biotechnology, but Zimdahl does a good job of framing the issues surrounding it. One of the strengths of *Agriculture’s Ethical Horizon* is that it encourages agricultural scientists not to  focus solely on how they do science, but to think more about why. Zimdahl argues that most agricultural scientists generally try to avoid subjectivity and try to find objective truth by confining their endeavors strictly to hypothesis testing. The book often couples criticism of the prevailing production ethic in agriculture with criticism of the utilitarian philosophy that supposedly underlines it. The book is timely in kindling the debate about ethics, or perhaps it's lack of consideration, in modern agricultural production.”

– Louis S. Hesler, North Central Agriculture Research Laboratory, USDA, Brookings, South Dakota.

Praise for ***When That Day Comes***

“Very insightful and heartwarmingly written. This was a very well written and informative memoir. As a daughter of an ALS stricken father, it has given me information on many different levels, stages and upcoming situations we must deal with, but are afraid to admit. ALS is such a heart wrenching and terrible disease that ravages everything in the body, except the mind. This deals with topics that are honestly delivered by the author, and I thank him for truthfully giving his thoughts as hard as it must have been. Thank you for giving us your story!”

– Amazon Reader Review

“Must-read for ALS caregivers. This book has it all....understanding death, the hard decisions, timing, just enough technical, love story, family, inspiration, practical down to earth, and hope. Thanks for sharing.”

– Amazon Reader Review

“Given the era in which we live, most of us will die over protracted periods of time. Thankfully, most of us will be spared the particular vicious sufferings that come with ALS. But besides the inevitable particulars of our diseases, death will not come unannounced. Death, like any good guest, announces itself, bearing gifts. Those fortunate to have read Robert Zimdahl's account of his wife Ann’s dying will recognize those gifts: the (re)discovery of love, even lovemaking; honesty and truth; the chance to learn how to receive; the care of community, even that of strangers; the necessity of persistence; the clarification of one's values, to name a few. None of those gifts deny the angers, agonies, fears and worries that are also part of the territory. But while the latter are inevitable, the former, tragically, are often missed. If you don't miss them, it may in part be thanks to Bob Zimdahl. And if you should be the survivor, this book may hold yet one more lesson: that writing can be therapeutic.”

– Tom Nadelin, Presbyterian minister. St. Louis, Missouri.

Praise for ***A History of Weed Science in the United States***

“An excellent overview how the recent emergence of the display weed science came about in the 1950s and what is occurred since then to establish an origin, identity, and direction it will aid present and future weed scientists in how to best practice their discipline. The book presents key individuals and organizations, with science founders, president of the Weed Science Society of America, university programs, and professional societies, as well as the agrochemical industry and public policy in an objective, lucid, well-documented manner… Highly recommended.”

– Book Reviewer for Elsevier/Academic Press

Praise for ***Weed-Crop Competition***

“This book is a useful reference for those interested in the impacts of weeds on the productivity of food, feed, and fiber crops. It provides a comprehensive overview of weed-crop competition and the significance to human activities. As is his custom, Dr. Zimdahl adds his unique perspective on the study of weeds in the discipline of weed science. This perspective will be of particular value to graduate students as they begin careers in weed science and applied plant ecology I suggested this book should be required reading for graduate students and others contemplating research on weed-crop competition not only does it provide a comprehensive view the literature, but also challenges the reader to assess accepted experimental methods and reassess the value of the data and conclusions generated from these experiments.”

– Douglas D. Buhler, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Michigan State University

“More than 650 publications are cited in the book and review led Zimdahl to three major conclusions. First, weeds  do compete with crops to reduce yield and quality. Second, weed science will benefit from closer integration of plant ecology, especially with regard to the study and understanding of plant coexistence. Third, modeling has become an important aspect of modern weed management and will likely become more important to future systems. Zimdahl continues to stress the importance of basic ecological theory and principles in their Corporation weed science and weed management systems.”

– William S. Curran, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Pennsylvania State University.

“It’s the sort of book that I would like to have written. It's a delight to browse through, while at the same time being informative and instructive.”

– John L. Hammerton, Nassau, Bahamas.

Praise for ***Weed Science: A Plea for Thought***

“I start my graduate classes with this essay and note how relevant it still is. My students thought this is an eye-opening essay. I am sorry that today, most weed science articles now discuss herbicide resistant weeds and to control them rather than taking up some of the other topics that we've made some progress on but could do more. Thanks for writing a heretical essay that has influenced my thinking and research direction over the years.”

– Dr. Sharon Clay, Department of Agronomy, Horticulture and Plant Science, South Dakota State University, Brookings, South Dakota