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Erica Gies is an author and independent science and environment journalist who writes about water, climate change, plants, and animals.

✪ Book author

[*Water Always Wins: Thriving in an age of drought and deluge*](#) (University of Chicago Press in North America; Apollo/Bloomsbury in the UK and Commonwealth; Zhejiang People's Publishing House in China; Tantor Media audio book) was published in 2022.

Roots to Sky: How Life and Water Can Help Cool Earth's Climate will be published in 2028 by the University of Chicago Press.

Erica Gies is represented by The Martell Agency in New York.

✪ Independent journalist

The New York Times
Wired
Forbes
Grist
Earth Island Journal
Ensia
Bay Nature
Environmental Health News
The Narwhal
Pacific Standard
Inside Climate News

National Geographic
Scientific American
New Scientist
Psyche
Hakai
Take Part
China Dialogue
The Relevator
Corporate Knights
Science News for Kids
Popular Science

The Atlantic
Nature
International Herald Tribune
Mongabay
San Francisco Public Press
South China Morning Post
New Internationalist
Nautilus
bioGraphic
The Guardian
The Economist

✪ Speaker

- United Nations Water Conference
- Global Commission on the Economics of Water
- TEDx Boston
- CNN International / Amanpour & Co
- Fox News / The Next Revolution
- National Public Radio / Science Friday
- National Public Radio / Morning Edition
- KERA Think
- KQED Forum
- Canadian Broadcasting Corporation / What on Earth
- Canadian Broadcasting Corporation / The Current
- Radio New Zealand
- Leeson Lecturer at the University of Rhode Island
- Southam Lecturer and Residency, University of Victoria

- U.C. Santa Barbara Capps Forum of Ethics and Public Policy
- American Geophysical Union Frontiers in Hydrology
- American Water Resources Association conference keynote
- Bioneers keynote
- BlueTech Forum keynote
- River Restoration Northwest keynote
- Many other keynotes and talks
- Tucson Festival of Books presenting author
- Universities and schools including Princeton, Stanford, Duke, University of Arizona, Wilson College, American International School Chennai

✦ Awards and Professional Affiliations

- National Geographic Explorer
- Rachel Carson Award for Excellence in Environmental Journalism, Sierra Club
- Finalist, Falling Walls Science Breakthrough of the Year Prize
- Rachel Carson Book Award, honorable mention, Society of Environmental Journalists
- California River Award, Friends of the River
- Excellence in Journalism Award, Renewable Natural Resources Foundation
- National Audubon Society's "Women Greening Journalism" Special Recognition
- Vermont Law School Media Fellowship
- CUNY Resilience Journalism Fellowship
- Institute for Journalism and Natural Resources Great Bear Institute Fellowship
- Scripps-Howard Institute for the Environment Fellowship
- National Association of Science Writers, member
- Society of Environmental Journalists, member

✦ Education

- M.A. in literature, focus in eco-criticism – San Francisco State University
- B.A. in English, minor in journalism – Northern Arizona University

✦ Volunteer

- Refugee support: two Syrian refugee families in Victoria, B.C.
- Mentor: Society of Environmental Journalists, San Francisco State, Science Interchange
- Judge: contests for Society of Environmental Journalists, San Francisco Green Film Festival, Society of Professional Journalists Northern California chapter
- San Francisco parks – Invasive plants removal and native plant restoration
- Point Reyes National Seashore – Elephant seal docent
- Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge – Mexican wolf recovery project
- Channel Island National Park – Island fox recovery project