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A native of Los Angeles, Garrett graduated with honors in biology from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She attended graduate school in the Department of Bacteriology and Immunology at University of California, Berkeley, and did laboratory research at Stanford University with Dr. Leonard Herzenberg. During her PhD studies, she started reporting on science news at radio station KPFA, winning the 1977 George Foster Peabody Award. She worked briefly in the California Department of Food and Agriculture, assessing the human health impacts of pesticide use. Garrett then went overseas, living and working in southern Europe and sub-Saharan Africa, freelance reporting for Pacifica Radio, Pacific News Service, BBC Radio, Reuters, Associated Press, and others. In 1980, she joined National Public Radio, working as the network's Science Correspondent. During her NPR years, Ms. Garrett received outstanding achievement awards from the National Press Club, San Francisco Media Alliance and World Hunger Alliance.

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