

# Vocabulary

*Story: Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor, the Woman Who Loved Reptiles*

**accompanied**- go somewhere with someone

**eager**- wanting to do or have something very much

**curious**- eager to know or learn something

**shrieked**- utter high-pitched piercing sound or word, expression of terror, pain, excitement

**recoiled**- suddenly spring or flinch back in fear, horror, or disgust

**curator**- a keeper or custodian of a museum or other collection

**flourished**- grow and develop in a healthy way

**exquisite**- extremely beautiful, and typically delicate

**exhibits**- publicly display

**elaborate**- involving many carefully arranged parts or details

**mimicked**- imitate someone or their actions or words

**enclosure**- area that is sealed off with an artificial or natural barrier

**gawked**- staring openly

**marveled**- to be filled with wonder or astonishment

**squirmed**- wiggle or twist your body from side to side