

• THE GIRLY BOOK CLUB •
RADIUM GIRLS
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1. Did you enjoy this book? Rate it out of 5.
2. The Radium Girls is filled with both triumph and tragedy. Which part of the story affected you the most, and why?
3. Is there a figure in The Radium Girls that resonates more strongly with you than others? If so, what part of their story or character stood out?
4. Even after radium was proved poisonous, and the illness verified as work-related, the radium companies stood fast by their convictions. Why do you believe they were so resilient, and can you imagine modern companies behaving with such similar ruthlessness?
5. How do you believe the radium companies, and the press, would have reacted differently to the scandal had the workers been male? Considering the time period, how did their gender help and hinder their case?
6. Although radium can be seen as an evil entity in the book, it's also been used for the greater good. Explore how radium has changed the world in a positive way. Do you feel it was worth the sacrifice?
7. Besides radium, what other world-altering discoveries can you think of that both led to advancement, and also tragedy?
8. How were you inspired by the strength of the "shining girls", and how can you carry that onwards to incite change in your own life?