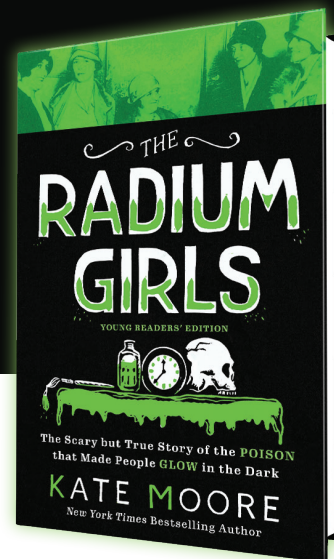


# THE RADIUM GIRLS

YOUNG READERS' EDITION

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE



1. Which part of the story affected you the most. Why?
2. Is there a specific person in the book that stood out to you? Why?
3. Were the radium girls resilient? If so, why do you think that?
4. Can you imagine modern companies doing the same thing now? Why?
5. Do you think that the radium companies and the press would have reacted differently if the radium girls were boys? Did the fact that they were girls help or harm their case?
6. How do you think today's world would be different if the girls had not fought back against the radium companies?
7. It takes more than 1,500 years for the effects of radium to wear off. This means that the radium girls and parts of the towns where they worked are still poisonous now. Considering this, do you feel this story hasn't been explored enough? Why?
8. Did you enjoy seeing the personal details of the radium girls' lives in the story? Did it help you engage with their stories more than if you had read it from a different point of view?
9. Can you think of another historical event where you've noticed women being pushed to the sidelines?
10. Although radium can be seen as evil, it's also been used for the greater good, like for treating cancer. Do you feel that all the harm radium did is worth it, when the research that was done led to it being used for good?
11. Can you think of any major discoveries like radium that led to both advances in science and medicine, but also tragedies?
12. Were you inspired by the strength of the radium girls? Write down some examples in your own life of times where you can be strong and stand up for what is right.
13. What did you think of the pictures in the book? Was it shocking to see the real pictures?

