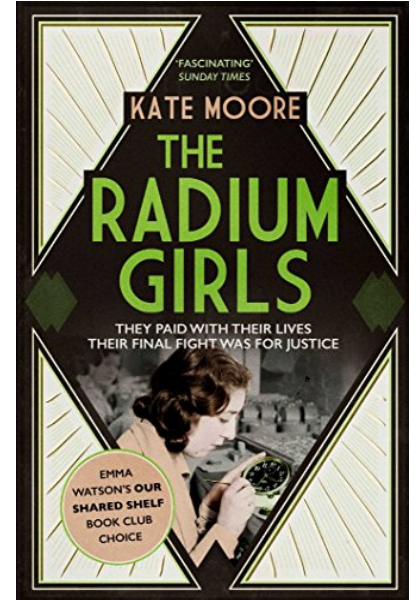


The Radium Girls Book Summary (PDF) by Kate Moore

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Why This Book Matters:

The Radium Girls tells the story of how radium poisoning influenced the lives of many young girls during the twentieth century and how their misfortune became a prime example of why companies need to try harder to protect the interests of their employees.

The Big Takeaways:

1. **When radium was discovered in the twentieth century, it was soon added to many products.**
 1. If It was later discovered that radium could be toxic, and many were poisoned through the production of products with radium.
2. **Several young women took jobs as painters for watches.**
 1. These girls fell ill due to their exposure to the radium in the paint. They often twisted their paintbrushes in their mouths to form fine points.

3. **There was a lot of money to be made for girls who worked as watch painters.**
 1. However, despite the amount of money women could make painting watches, the medical expenses piled up after being exposed to the radium.
4. **These young women tried to sue the companies but were legally undermined.**
 1. Instead of letting the case go to trial, many women accepted a sum so they would not have to battle in a twisted court system.
5. **The radium girls are only one example of negligence on the employer's part.**
 1. Many businesses still choose greed over the well-being of their employees.

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