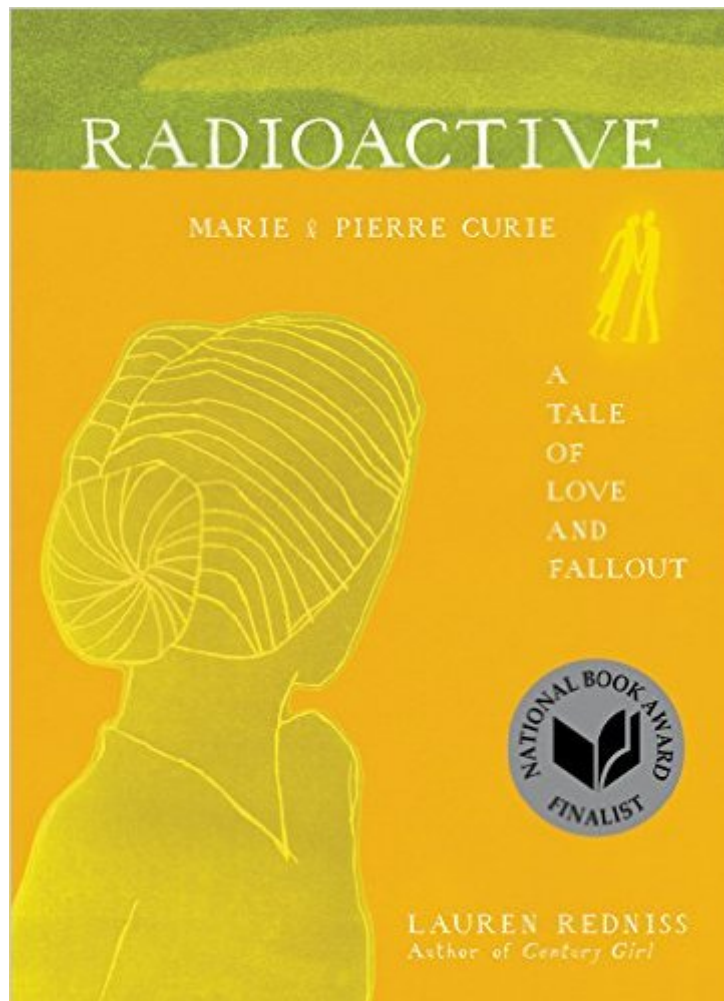


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Radioactive: Marie & Pierre Curie: A Tale Of Love And Fallout



Synopsis

A National Book Award finalist, the mesmerizing, landmark illustrated biography *Radioactive* is finally available in a stunning paperback edition. Through words and her own gorgeously crafted illustrations, artist and journalist Lauren Redniss tells the story of Marie Curie, née Marya Skłodowska, and her working and romantic relationship with Pierre Curie, including their discovery of two new scientific elements with startling properties—as well as the tragic car accident that killed Pierre, Marie's two Nobel Prizes, and her scandalous affair with a married scientist. And *Radioactive* looks beyond the contours of Marie's life, surveying the changes wrought by the Curies' discoveries—nuclear weapons, radiation in medical treatment, and nuclear energy as a possible energy source—to create an eerie, wondrous, and moving evocation of one of history's most intriguing figures.

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Customer Reviews

Read good reviews for this book, but was delightfully surprised at how engaging this book is when I finally received it and started reading. The illustrations can be a bit strange at times, but the book itself is beautiful and well-executed. And the story-telling is wonderful and thought-provoking. As a female scientist myself, I was delighted by this new insight into Marie & Pierre's life, after reading dry textbooks. All adult non-fiction should be like this!

Radioactive depicts the personal and scholarly life of Marie Curie and the people she grows to love and the people she comes across. In a unique and vivid format, Lauren Redniss illustrates and

shares the ups and downs of Curie's life from her arrival in Paris, her scientific discoveries, and her public life. *Radioactive* is such a fun alternative to a regular biography. It's filled with vivid art and easy to read text. I especially liked the inclusion of various other information and tidbits relating back to the Curie's work and the interconnectedness between their work and other scientists. Not only is it informational and crafted with stunning illustrations, Redniss took extra care in showcasing all that could be possible in sharing a biographical work - adding special features from the font of the text to the ink the pages are printed in. Also, a really awesome perk, some sections glow in the dark, just like the radioactive materials Marie and Pierre Curie discovered. It's a beautiful book and a must have for your personal library. Read if you like: non fiction - biography, science, graphic novels, illustrated works,

I was so biased against reading a graphic novel. The text on this one is excellent, the art is evocative and gives the story emotional depth. The unexpected mixing in of the documents or documentary excerpts really works well.

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