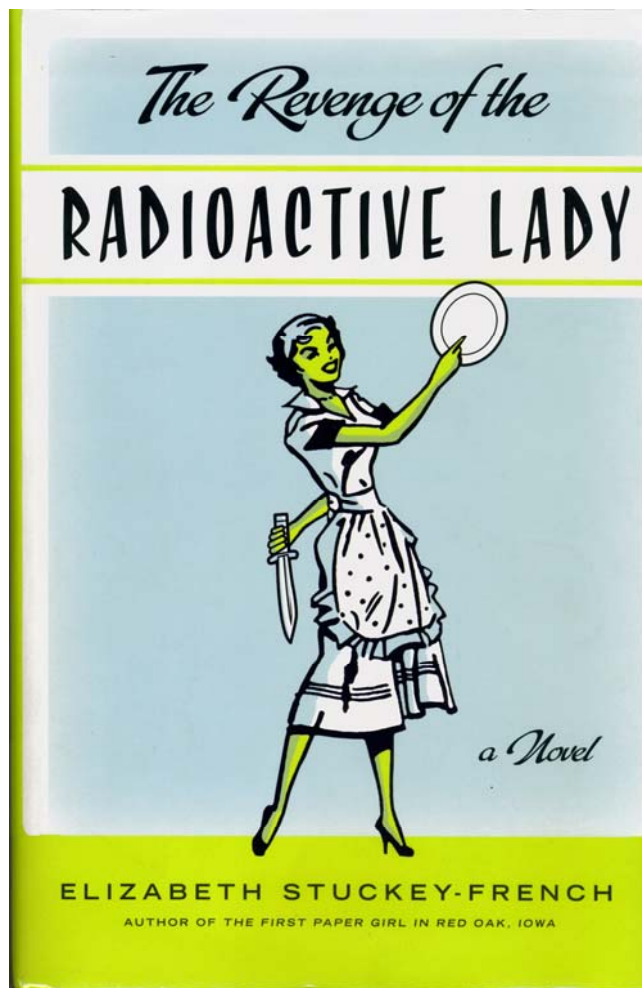


Reader's Roadmap

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Reader's Roadmaps enable readers to pursue threads of interest inspired by a book they've just read.

The Revenge of the Radioactive Lady **F S9324r**

The Revenge of the Radioactive Lady is a marvelous blend of quirky characters, unpredictable plot twists, and funny moments all wrapped up in a fast paced novel of unexpected poignancy.

Marylou Ahern is determined to exact revenge on Dr. Wilson Spriggs, the man she holds responsible for the death of her daughter. Marylou is the kind of woman who does not let her age (she is 77) or the passage of time (50 years since the doctor made her a subject of a radioactive experiment) get in the way of her plans.

She moves from Memphis to Florida where her target lives. She brings her faithful dog, Buster, and armed with a new identity she plans to infiltrate the doctor's family. She quickly learns that even the best plans get thwarted sometimes. Suzy, the doctor's youngest granddaughter is bright and friendly, but her parents Victor and Caroline are grappling with mid-life crises and worries over their other two children, Ava and Otis who are both autistic. As Marylou gets to know them, she inevitably starts to care and her thirst for revenge wavers.

The Revenge of the Radioactive Lady is a book that transcends its outlandish premise by revealing the humanity and realism of its characters and becomes a journey towards forgiveness.



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AUTISTIC CHILDREN FICTION

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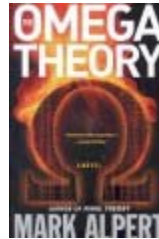
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