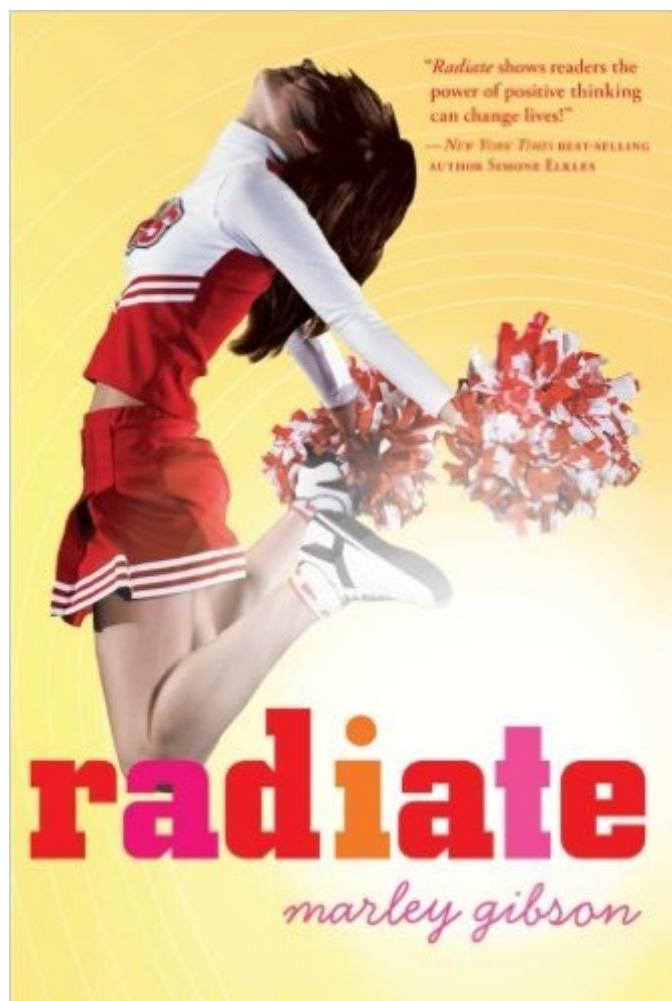


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# Radiate



## **Synopsis**

Hayley Matthews is determined to be the best cheerleader she can. She works hard and pushes herself 110% all the time. Then Hayley finds a lump on her leg. The diagnosis is cancer. The prognosis is unclear. She could lose her leg. Or maybe her life. At first Haley is scared, terrified. In an instant, everything sheâ™s worked for seems out of reach. But Haley is strong. Sheâ™s going to fight this disease. She will not let it take her life or her dreams.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Caution: Some language in this book may not be suitable for all readers.'So I only have one word to describe this book. Awe! I am totally in awe of the strength and courage of Hayley! Radiate is the story of Hayley Matthews who in her senior year of high school wants to do something more with her life. She has been in the high school band and made it through most of her high school years unnoticed. But she is tired of blending in. She wants to finally stand out! To be noticed. To do something MORE! So she trades in her trumpet for a pair of pom-poms. Despite the challenges of being a cheerleader, she pushes herself to excel in her sport. Little does she know that her body is fighting against her. After a few weeks of practice, she notices a pain in her leg, but thinks that it is from all the extra exercise from practice. So she ignores it as best she can and keeps pushing forward, until one day she notices a knot on her leg and finally tells her parents. After a couple

doctors appointments, and harsh diagnoses, her mother calls in Hayley's uncle who is a doctor to get his opinion. He tells them that he believes that she has osteosarcoma. He helps them to understand some of the things that will be involved in fighting this disease and helps them find a doctor he feels will be the best match for them. Hayley says goodbye to her friends and heads to the UAB Hospital to begin her fight. Though she spends most of her summer there, she tries to stay optimistic. She doesn't allow herself to feel sorry for herself or wish her diagnosis on anyone else. She is going to fight this. She is going to win! Even after her surgery, she continues to prepare herself for the cheerleading season ahead. She will not let cancer stop her! She watches videos of her squad practicing their routines.

Radiate is the story of Hayley Matthews. Hayley wants more out of her high school experience. Things aren't bad, but they could be more exciting. Going into her senior year, Hayley tries out for the cheerleading squad - and makes it. Cheerleading makes Hayley feel free and happy, not to mention making the squad has made her level of popularity shoot through the roof. Things couldn't be any better. Or could they? The hottest, most popular guy in school begins to show interest in Hayley.. then her old neighbor and friend randomly comes back to town and they grow closer than ever. Just as life seems just about perfect, Hayley notices a painful lump forming on her leg. After ignoring it for weeks, she can't stand it anymore. A trip to the doctor is in order. After tests are run, Hayley learns some devastating news: she has cancer. "I got a hell of a lot more than I ever bargained for -- something that stopped me in my tracks. A diagnosis that would change my present and bring into question my future. A challenge of epic proportions to overcome. The need to find hope when everything seemed hopeless. This is a story of how cheerleading saved my life." - - - This book is very moving. I was doubtful that a story so infused with cheerleading (I'm one of those people who never really considered it a sport and sort of made fun of cheerleaders, lol) could make me feel so much, but I was definitely surprised. This book actually showed me that cheerleading isn't quite as silly as I thought. It is a sport, and it can mean a whole lot to someone. :) That being said, I do think that the cheerleading as a whole was maybe not so realistic. Or, at least, the girls themselves. There wasn't enough snark and bitchiness for it to be real.

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