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"Bryant brilliantly lures readers into an engaging mystery, a page-turner that begins beneath layers revealed in both paintings and chapters. A riveting story of ambitious and self-sufficient women, both in the present and past."

—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

Glow

By Megan E. Bryant

"I used to worry about the dark. When it's dark, your whole life can spiral out of control. But there's a certain kind of light I should have been afraid of all along."

Glow is the gripping story of two girls, separated by the span of a century, who are drawn to the same dangerous secret. In *Glow*, Bryant sheds light on a tragic period of American history, while masterfully weaving a mystery that's impossible to put down. Parallels can be drawn to *Hidden Figures* and, of course, Kate Moore's *The Radium Girls*, but *Glow* is suitable for a much younger audience.

When thrift-store aficionado Julie discovers a series of antique paintings with hidden glowing images that are only visible in the dark, she wants to learn more about the artist. In her search, she uncovers a century-old romance and the haunting true story of the Radium Girls, young women who used radioactive paint to make the world's first glow-in-the-dark products—and ultimately became radioactive themselves. As Julie's obsession with the paintings mounts, truths about the Radium Girls—and her own complicated relationships—are revealed. But will she uncover the truth about the luminous paintings before putting herself and everyone she loves at risk?

Megan E. Bryant is a New York Times best-selling children's author who has written more than 250 children's books for ages ranging from babies to teens. Two of her books, *Mythlopedia: Oh My Gods!* and *Mythlopedia: She's All That!* were named 2009 VOYA Nonfiction Honor Books. *Glow* is her YA debut.

Glow is an ideal book for promoting and supporting the STEM / STEAM movement - girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) plus Art - STEAM. *Glow* is also a logical tie-in to the centennial of the US's involvement in WWI (April 6, 1917).

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