



Radium Dreams

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Accompanying the exhibition Radium Dreams at The Women's Art Collection, this illustrated publication traces the unique collaboration between award-winning poet Sue Hubbard and internationally acclaimed artist Eileen Cooper RA.

The exhibition showcased a series of poems and artworks inspired by the remarkable life story of the Nobel Prize-winning scientist Marie Curie. Sue Hubbard's poems and Eileen Cooper's drawings and collages conjure Curie's remarkable life through closely observed moments of struggle, tenderness and joy.

The exhibition also explored the theme of creative support: between Marie Curie and her sister Bronislawa, and between the scientist and her husband Pierre. This is reflected in the collaboration between a poet and artist and resonates with The Women's Art Collection, which was created by women in a Cambridge college dedicated to educating academically outstanding young women.

Both Sue Hubbard and Eileen Cooper have played a key role in the development of The Women's Art Collection. As an art critic Hubbard has regularly written about the Collection, while Cooper was one of the first artists to donate work and was made an Honorary Fellow of Murray Edwards in 2017. In Radium Dreams, Hubbard's interest in the lives of historic women comes together with Cooper's powerful and distinctive iconography of female figures.

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