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# The Little Old Lady Who Broke All The Rules: A Novel (League Of Pensioners)



## Synopsis

#1 International Bestseller  
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel meets The Italian Job in internationally-bestselling author Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg's witty and insightful comedy of errors about a group of delinquent seniors whose desire for a better quality of life leads them to rob and ransom priceless artwork. Martha Andersson may be seventy-nine-years-old and live in a retirement home, but that doesn't mean she's ready to stop enjoying life. So when the new management of Diamond House starts cutting corners to save money, Martha and her four closest friends • The Genius, The Rake, Christina and Anna-Gretta (a.k.a. The League of Pensioners) won't stand for it. Fed up with early bedtimes and overcooked veggies, this group of feisty seniors sets about to regain their independence, improve their lot, and stand up for seniors everywhere. Their solution? White collar crime. What begins as a relatively straightforward robbery of a nearby luxury hotel quickly escalates into an unsolvable heist at the National Museum. With police baffled and the Mafia hot on their trail, the League of Pensioners has to stay one walker's length ahead if it's going to succeed. Told with all the insight and humor of *A Man Called Ove* or *Where'd You Go Bernadette?*, *The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules* is a delightful and heartwarming novel that goes to prove the adage that it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years. **★ ★**

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## Customer Reviews

Advertising this book to be compared to the likes of Fredrik Backman's novel A Man Called Ove (5 star rating) is a flat out lie. This author does not compare with his style of story telling. The book is a bust. Don't even bother with it. Not funny, not enlightening, not relatable (no matter how old you may or may not be, and it is not plausible. I'm beginning to think it has no point. There is a part where one of the characters says he is bored. I said, Me too. I'm on chapter 74 with 20 pages left. The front cover says, "The Funniest Book This Year" - Ramilien Magazine (Norway.) Makes me question the lack of Norwegians comedians. I laughed once and that was the first chapter and the only reason I laughed was when I stopped reading and tried to imagine someone actually doing it. The only reason I'm finishing this book is because it was chosen for our book club (so sorry I nominated it.) I wouldn't recommend this book to my worse enemy. That's a pretty harsh review. Perhaps if I hadn't been told it was a funny book and compared to the likes of Fredrik Backman, I would not have reacted with such heat. I stand by what I said this book is not. The book is actually more like an over the top dull cozy mystery where the main characters are the actual crooks. At 400 pages, it is way too long.

Absolutely hysterical in many places. People after my own heart, who have sung in a choir all their lives now live in the same "retirement" home that is under new management. Patients are given poor food, lousy coffee, and way too many pills. Their ringleader, a bright "old lady" and her good man friend, "Brains," forge ahead, finding their way into all kinds of fun trouble and dragging their friends with them. A stay in a nearby luxury hotel where they enjoy the spa, the food, the pool, and the bar as they plan the robbery of the century is worth reading the book just for this experience alone. It's a kind of very funny "whodunit" that carries an insightful wallop of what today's seniors are subject to. I needed a change of genre for this weekend past, and I couldn't put this down. It's not literature; I believe it is Scandinavian in derivation-- but it's delightful and charming. The next heist finds them planning to bring down a Las Vegas Casino. I'll have to buy that, too. The characters are just itching to blow Vegas out of the sky!

All one had to understand when reading this novel is that crime does not pay ... wait a minute. That's not quite right. Crime for this bunch of residents of a senior home paid very well. The secret to their success is a daring and scheming lady who convinced her friends that prisons offered better accommodations than their nursing home. Then, she devised a series of criminal activities that would land them in jail, but that was temporary. While succeeding at that, they also acquired considerable wealth under Martha's planning and execution, flying off at the end to an enviable retirement. The next scheme was to hit Las Vegas and the aptly named League of Pensioners was off and running again. This is entertaining humor and the future books in the series offer the promise of more to come.

Martha Anderson is a 79-year-old woman who dreams about escaping her retirement home and robbing a bank. In fact, that's how the story opens, but the bank tellers don't take her seriously and direct her back "home." Along with her friends, the League of Pensioners, they plot their escape out of the home and make a break for it. There's a variety of different criminal scenes where the reader can't believe they got away with a plot but they did. I enjoyed the book and the humor, but it began to feel repetitive at times, and I found myself skimming the last third. It just seemed to start to drag.

This book places focus on people who are seniors in years and portrays some of the demeaning ways people are treated once they are labeled "old". Too many times when a person is tagged by a label it results in assumptions that ALL who are categorized are alike making it easy to generalize "them". Unfortunately this often results in poor treatment on a large scale. The characters in this story demonstrate in an imaginative, humorous tale the fallacies of labeling and assumptions.

This book is so cool! It is filled with humor and good humor. All the elderly are bright and vibrant. Unlike the stereotypes of the elderly in retirement homes, this group knows how to get things done—perhaps not exactly lawfully—and gets this done. Additionally, there is a lot of truth in the book as to how the elderly are looked down upon or simply ignored. Anyone looking for a good fun read, not too deep, should snatch up this book.

What a delightful story. I loved the senior citizens and their clever leader Martha. When they are able to walk off with works of art without getting caught and then the clever things they did to hide their money and the art work. Some of them even enjoyed their stays in jail. They prove that senior members of our society can have a good time and fool the young people who think they have all the

answers. Three cheers for Martha and her four friends.

Extremely slow getting started and progression. Not my favorite read but I finally managed to finish it. Not A bad story but slow moving and long

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