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



## Synopsis

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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—Brains, 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

The Lily of the Valley retirement home was once a haven for Martha Anderson and her friends, but

now under new management, and renamed Diamond House, the group had become victims of rate rises and repeated service cuts. Management's decision to not provide decorations for the Christmas tree is the last straw for Martha who, after watching a television documentary, decides they would all be better off in a prison cell than as clients of Diamond House. Escaping the home is just the first step of a masterful scheme that includes the 'League of Pensioners' living the high life in Stockholm's most exclusive hotel, a trip to the national art museum and a relaxing stay in a minimum security institution...but not everything goes to plan. I can't help but draw some comparisons between *The Little Old Lady Who Broke All The Rules* and *The One Hundred Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by author, Jonas Jonasson, the two books share a similar cover design, title, a 'senior' protagonist and both author's are Swedish to begin with, but in truth there are few similarities. While Allan Karlsson's only plan is to escape his centenarian celebrations at the care home, Martha and her gang make meticulous plans for their break out and subsequent adventures with a clear goal in mind. The plot is largely straightforward with their initial schemes escalating when things don't go exactly to plan. And things go wrong - a wild storm, a curious Yugoslav Mafia member and an ambitious hotel housekeeper, all add excitement and a touch of danger to the pensioners enterprise. Ingelman-Sundberg plays it straight where Jonasson comedic sense wanders into the absurd.

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