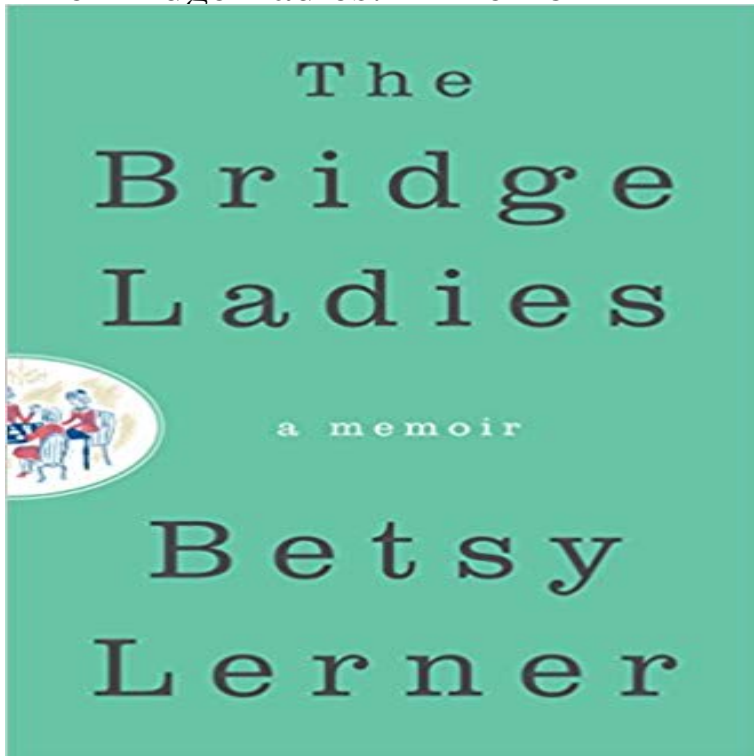


The Bridge Ladies: A Memoir



A Bridge club provides an unexpected connection across a generational divide between mother and daughter. Betsy Lerner tells a funny, intimate, and deeply affecting story that's a little about Bridge and a lot about life. After a lifetime of defining herself against her mother's Don't Ask, Don't Tell generation, Lerner found herself back home in the suburban town that represented everything she wanted to flee: namely the traditional life her mother stood for. Yet, when Roz needed help after surgery, Betsy stepped in. She expected a week of tense civility; what she got were the Bridge Ladies. Impressed by their faithful visits, she saw something her own generation lacked: Facebook was great, but it wouldn't deliver a pot roast. Tentatively at first, Betsy became a regular at her mother's Monday Bridge club, falling under the spell of the intimidating game. Unexpectedly, the Bridge Ladies became a catalyst for change as Betsy and Roz reconciled years of painful misunderstandings and harrowing silences. The Bridge table became the common ground they never had. Darkly funny and deeply moving, *The Bridge Ladies* is the unforgettable story of a hard-won but never-too-late bond between mother and daughter.

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