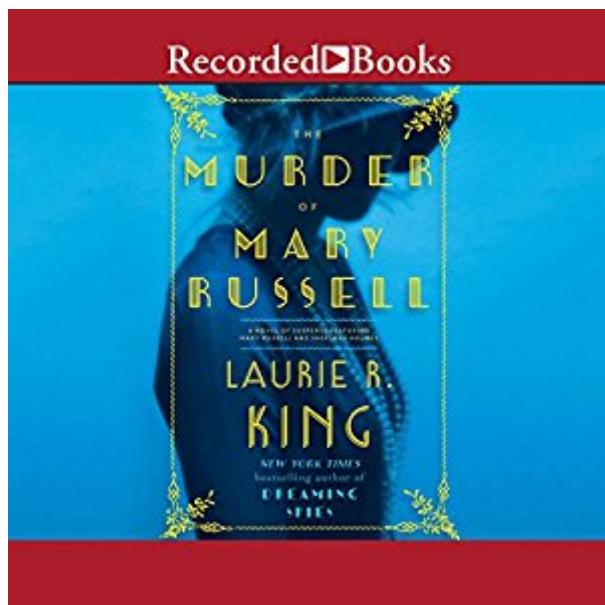


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Synopsis

Laurie R. King's best-selling Mary Russell-Sherlock Holmes series weaves rich historical detail and provocative themes with intriguing characters and enthralling suspense. Russell and Holmes have become one of modern literature's most beloved teams. But does this adventure end it all? Mary Russell is used to dark secrets - her own and those of her famous partner and husband, Sherlock Holmes. Trust is a thing slowly given, but over the course of a decade together, the two have forged an indissoluble bond. And what of the other person to whom Mary Russell has opened her heart: the couple's longtime housekeeper, Mrs. Hudson? Russell's faith and affection are suddenly shattered when a man arrives on the doorstep claiming to be Mrs. Hudson's son. What Samuel Hudson tells Russell cannot possibly be true, yet she believes him - as surely as she believes the threat of the gun in his hand. In a devastating instant, everything changes. And when the scene is discovered - a pool of blood on the floor, the smell of gunpowder in the air - the most shocking revelation of all is that the grim clues point directly to Clara Hudson. Or rather to Clarissa, the woman she was before Baker Street. The key to Russell's sacrifice lies in Mrs. Hudson's past. To uncover the truth, a frantic Sherlock Holmes must put aside his anguish and push deep into his housekeeper's secrets - to a time before her disguise was assumed, before her crimes were buried away. There is death here, and murder, and trust betrayed. And nothing will ever be the same.

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Customer Reviews

I got this from the Vine program because I really love what Laurie R King has done with the Mary

Russell novels set in the Sherlock Holmes universe. I also watch the Holmes variations on TV (there are several), and love them all. I'm flexible in my Holmes-canon. So I was all set to gobble up a mystery about murdering Mary Russell. This is a good book, but it is not what the title suggests to fans of the Mary Russell series. The opening chapter is the standard murder mystery opening leading to the murder. The story cuts away at the end of Chapter One to Mrs. Hudson's point of view as she discovers evidence of what has happened, and what we "see" through Hudson's eyes sets us up to make certain assumptions about what really happened after we cut away. Because this is a Holmes series, we expect that what is implied by the visual evidence is not what actually happened, and we turn the page to find out how Holmes will discover what actually happened and how he'll deal with his feelings about the visual evidence, and what he'll do as a consequence of what he deduces really happened. That is not the book that the author delivers. What we get instead is a fine novel starting in 1925, intricately re-imagined and extrapolated from some peripheral Doyle stories, as explained in the afterword. It is an excellent job of Holmes scholarship, and a perfectly crafted piece of fiction -- but it is not a typical Holmes detective story. Instead, we get anecdotes about Mrs.

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