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THE
MURDER
OF
MARY
RUSSELL

A NOVEL OF SUSPENSE FEATURING
MARY RUSSELL AND SHERLOCK HOLMES

LAURIE R.
KING

Author of
DREAMING
SPIES

What a treat! Whether you're a fan of Laurie R. King's long-running series about Mary Russell (the younger, whip-smart wife of Sherlock Holmes) or just a casual fan of Baker Street, this mystery is terrific fun. It's virtually a stand-alone story, so you needn't have read any of the earlier Russell books to savor this one. It uses hints and unintended coincidences in the stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle to spin out a fantastic and thoroughly entertaining adventure centered on...Mrs. Hudson. Other novelists have paid attention to the dependable landlord/housekeeper Mrs. Hudson but they pale in comparison to the backstory King delivers here. And that's all I'll say. Everything here is well-judged -- including the multiple points of view from Russell to Holmes to Mrs. Hudson -- and the less you know the better. Some people can't get enough of Holmes and his world; I'm close to one of them. Others will perk up once in a great while when an especially noteworthy mystery garners widespread attention, like *The Seven Percent Solution*. This is one of those times. The game is...oh, I know, he didn't say it in the Doyle works. So just read it already. -- Michael Giltz