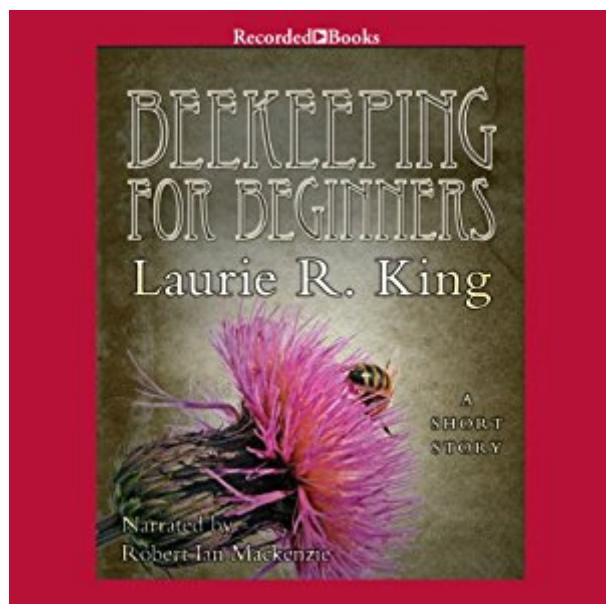


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Beekeeping For Beginners



Synopsis

Best-selling, award-winning author Laurie R. King's tales featuring Sherlock Holmes and Mary Russell are among the most popular mysteries being published. Here, King explores the great detective's initial meeting with Russell. Holmes is in a decidedly dark temper as he searches the countryside for wild bees, until he meets the headstrong young woman who will become his apprentice and eventual bride.

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Customer Reviews

Laurie King's Mary Russell/Sherlock Holmes series is the best fiction based on the Holmes characters that I have ever read. I highly recommend any book in the series. This story retells the meeting of the two main character from Holmes view with some new revelations about the circumstances of their early association. (The books are from Mary's point of view.) I thought the author wrote in the "voice" of Holmes very convincingly. However, the pacing in this book seems a little rushed and the revelations, after the first few pages, seem hardly that surprising. If you are looking to keep in touch with these characters while you anxiously await *Pirate King*, as I do, then by all means buy the short story. If you are new to the series, please introduce yourself by reading the first book "The Beekeeper's Apprentice." By the time you catch up with the series, you'll probably want to buy the short story too, and consider it worth your while for another glimpse of your, now favorite, characters.

I'm rather a fool for Laurie King's Mary Russell novels. She tells stories from the viewpoint of a

brilliant and articulate woman who solves intricate puzzles. Mary Russell is immersed in the issues of her era (largely the 1920s), such as the politics in Palestine or the position of women after World War I. I am always impatient for her NEXT book. But this short story kept me occupied for a little while -- and if you are a Mary Russell fan, I think you'll like it too. In short: It tells the "Russell and Holmes meet" story from Holmes' point of view. Including incidents that Russell never learned about. This is a short story. It doesn't go into the loving detail that we novel-readers expect from King's writing. That's okay with me. I think it's of interest primarily to earlier fans, rather than an easy introduction to the full story. (And God knows I have pressed enough copies of *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* upon my friends, who must think that I get a kickback.) The "Twitter interview" at the end didn't work for me, even though I am an avid Twitter user. But that's okay. The short story is a good short story... and worth the money.

Beekeeping for Beginners by Laurie King was a fun short story involving Sherlock Holmes and the introduction of Mary Russell, his assistant. I enjoyed this short story more than her most recent novel, *Pirate King*. The story seemed to move quicker and not drag on plus there was more about the character of Sherlock Holmes. Sherlock Holmes is taking care of his bees and contemplating suicide when along comes "supposedly" a fifteen year old boy dressed in ragged clothing. Holmes comes to find out that "he" is a "she" when she takes off her cap. Holmes is fascinated with her and feels like he can teach her to be his assistant in detective work. He also helps her with her chemistry. Holmes becomes concerned when he sees her with bruises and she also becomes sick in a short period of time. So the search is on for him to find out what is happening. He finds out that she lives with her aunt who is interested in her inheritance. Thus, he sneaks in her house for some clues. You will have to read the story to find out who is after Mary Russell. It is interesting in that Holmes compares beekeeping to detective work. Rule number one "stay calm", rule number two "one must occasionally be cruel to be kind", rule number three "never ever cease to feel wonder", and rule number four "success often rests on the imperceptibility of one's meddling". I also learned some things about bees that I didn't know before which was interesting. This unbiased review was based on an electronic copy of the book provided by the publisher for the purpose of creating this review.

Laurie R. King has done what a number of my favorite authors have done and that is to release a short story as a form of introduction for a new book release. I loved this book, done from Holmes' viewpoint, at the first case with Mary Russell. It was just a fun, short read!!

Laurie King continues to deliver great storytelling in the Mary Russell/Sherlock Holmes series. This story is a short one, but is not diminished by its length. It continues to expand the world of Mary and Sherlock that Ms. King has divined for us.

If you're looking at this book, chances are you've read many of King's other Mary Russell stories. (If not, start with *The Beekeeper's Apprentice*.) Although this is a very short story, I was very interested to learn more about Russell's initial meeting with Holmes, and especially to learn more about his perspective in gaining an apprentice.

This short story by Laurie R King is the first I've read. But I have read through "The God of the Hive" in the Russell and Holmes series. Reading this story that tells of the couple's first meeting and what follows, should be read in proper order. This story is listed as number 10.5 in the series, just before "Pirate King." It is so fun to get more information about Holmes and Russell in this way. So clever! Don't miss out -- read this story, in its correct order! In fact, my advice is to devour every Laurie R King book you can find -- of course, do this in book order! While Russell and Holmes is my favorite of her series there are others that are also amazing reads. Savor every one!

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