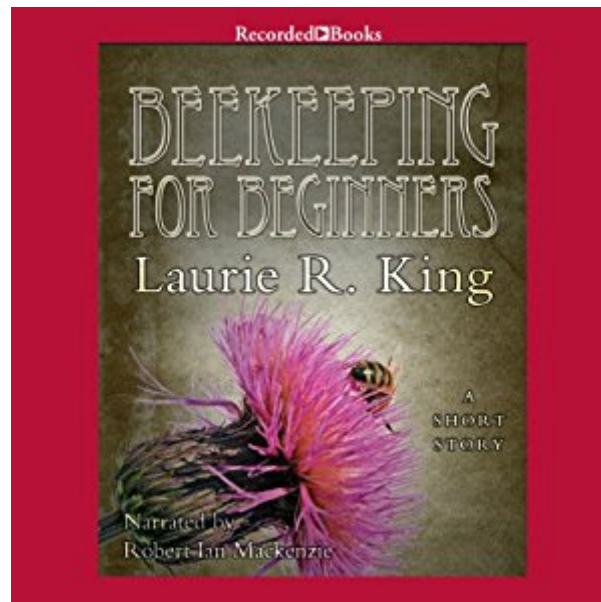




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Beekeeping For Beginners



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 had always thought the Holmes written stories in the Canon were somewhat flat and empty, but L.

R. King brings a new sense of purpose and meaning to the great detective. This story is a true delight folding like a complex origami into *The Beekeepers Apprentice* as well as the greater King Canon and Doyle Canon. . I may have to reread all the books again. What a marvelous invention is Miss Mary Russel, whose adventures, travels, and love for Holmes have brought me so many pleasures. Thank you Ms King for the chance to live with Holmes and his wonderful new partner in a slightly new era than the Victorian age, a new century. Parenthetically I have learned so much about many things.

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!

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.

I've been, in turns, enchanted and annoyed by Laurie R. King's series of suspense novels featuring Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes for almost 15 years now. In "Beekeeping for Beginners," King goes back to the start of the series to show how the pair met but, instead of using Russell as the narrator as she usually does, the story is told from Holmes' point of view or through third party

narration. While it's refreshing to see King has other tricks to start the plot besides an old friend of the pair contacting Russel and Holmes, this story seems awfully rushed. While it's supposed to be an introduction to the series, it probably speaks more to fans of the series than newcomers. Still, King is, as always, a fine craftswoman of sentences and she does a fine job with the characters here. Having said that, the pace is off and the ending seems a little anti-climatic. Recommended for fans of the series and for readers who enjoyed "The Beekeeper's Apprentice."

I would have liked this to be a little bit longer....it's rare we get King to write from Sherlock Holmes' point of view. She does it so well, too, which makes this, even though short, a rare treat for fans of her Holmes/Russell canon.

I thoroughly enjoyed my introduction to Laurie R. King's series featuring the aging Holmes and his young apprentice. This short story worked perfectly to showcase the author's writing, especially her excellence in capturing the 'voice' of Holmes. I thought this was a fast paced story that was also charming and bittersweet. It's really whet my appetite for more.

Really love this series. The characters and their relationships are ever evolving and true to the spirit of Sherlock Holmes. The adventures/mysteries are a history lesson. The early 1900s are a fertile time politically and socially. The author makes you feel that you know the characters and participate in the situations.

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