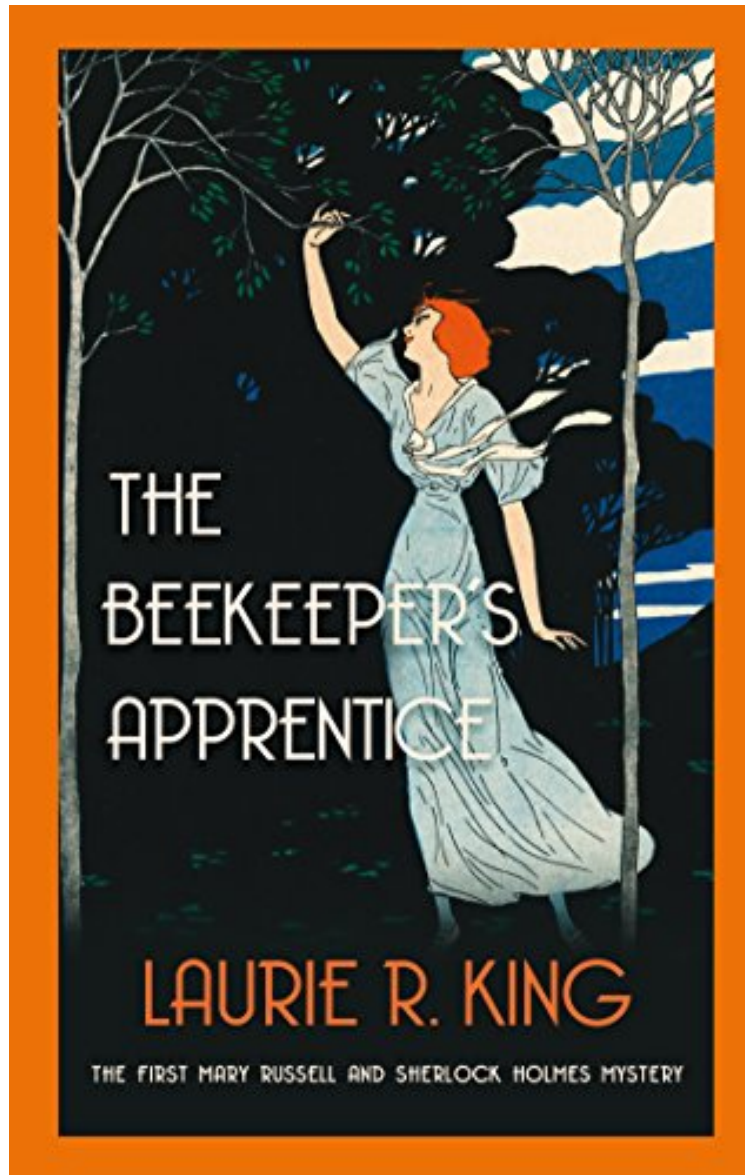


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**Von Laurie R. King : The Beekeeper's Apprentice (A Mary Russell Sherlock Holmes Mystery)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Beekeeper's Apprentice (A Mary Russell Sherlock Holmes Mystery):

Kundenrezensionen  
 Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen  
 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.  
 Fascinating from beginning to end  
 Von T. Miller  
 I really enjoyed this unique look into the world of Sherlock Holmes and, of course, of Mary Russell. The author covers quite a lot of ground, from the time the two meet when Mary is 15, through the thrilling end of a case that has a profound effect on both of them, some years later. Nonetheless, she finds the right balance between summary (leaps in time with mere references to intervening events) and detail (key events in the story described in great detail), with little hints of foreshadowing, to keep the story flowing at a good pace with increasing suspense through the climax. I also enjoy the relationship between Holmes and Russell... there again it seems to fit the era and the possibilities well enough, underplayed rather than overplayed, unlike other books I tried a few years ago, which stretched things a bit too far for my taste. The feminist aspects are also there, of course, Mary Russell being a woman, but are also kept within reasonable and fitting limits. I would definitely recommend this to anyone who enjoys Sherlock Holmes, and perhaps even Amelia Peabody (by E. Peters). There is a little something in Mary's first-person storytelling style that reminds me just a bit of Amelia...  
 8 von 8 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.  
 Ein Must für jeden Holmes-Fan  
 Von Kunde  
 "The Beekeeper's Apprentice" ist der erste Band der Sherlock Holmes/Mary Russell-Reihe von Laurie King. Ich bin mehr oder weniger durch Zufall darauf gestossen und war nach dem Lesen des Klappentextes fasziniert. Holmes hat sich in den Ruhestand nach Sussex zurückgezogen und nimmt sich eines jungen Mädchens an. Er bildet sie aus. Und schon bald steht das ungleiche Gespann seinem ersten Fall gegenüber, der aber - obwohl selbst nicht unbedeutend in seinen Ausmaßen - lediglich den Auftakt zu weitaus bedeutenderen Ereignissen darstellt... Laurie King ist ein Kunststück der ganz besonderen Art gelungen: sie hat es geschafft den Charakter, den Conan Doyle schuf, originalgetreu aufzugreifen und ihn zugleich weiterzuentwickeln. Der Holmes aus "The Beekeeper's Apprentice" ist immer noch der kühle Logiker aus der Baker Street, aber doch erscheint er ein wenig "menschlicher" und nicht mehr so unnahbar. Mit Mary Russell steht ihm eine ebenbürtige Assistentin zur Seite, die sich im Laufe der Handlung mehr und mehr zur gleichberechtigten Kollegin in einer über das "Berufliche" hinausgehenden Partnerschaft entwickelt.  
 Kurz "The Beekeeper's Apprentice" ist ein wundervolles Buch: herrlich zu lesen, weil die Charaktere bestens getroffen sind, spannend und, getragen von spritzigen Dialogen, durchaus humorvoll. Und mit dem Auftreten alter Bekannter eine gelungene Hommage an das Original.  
 3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.  
 Humanizing Holmes  
 Von P. Shontz  
 I approached this book with some skepticism, too, but I have to agree with many of the reviewers who have already written - these books are great fun! I loved the Conan Doyle Holmes stories, and loved these too - King's Holmes seems more human, more multidimensional, but not at odds with the Conan Doyle version of Holmes. It was wonderful to see a strong, intelligent female lead character match wits with Holmes. I enjoyed the first book so much that I immediately read the next three. The Beekeeper's Apprentice, A Monstrous Regiment of Women and A Letter of Mary were very good; I was a bit disappointed in The Moor.

Kurzbeschreibung  
 1915. The great detective Sherlock Holmes is retired and quietly engaged in the study of honey bees when a young woman literally stumbles into him on the Sussex Downs. Fifteen years old, gawky, egotistical, and recently orphaned, the young Mary Russell displays an intellect to impress even Sherlock Holmes - and match him wit for wit. Under his reluctant tutelage, this very modern twentieth-century woman proves a deft protégé and a fitting partner for the Victorian detective. In their first case together, they must track down a kidnapped American senator's daughter and confront a truly cunning adversary - a bomber who has set trip-wires for the sleuths and who will stop at nothing to end their partnership.  
 From Publishers Weekly  
 Sherlock Holmes takes on a young, female apprentice in this delightful and well-wrought addition to the master detective's casework. In the early years of WW I, 15-year-old American Mary Russell encounters Holmes, retired in Sussex Downs where Conan Doyle left him raising bees. Mary, an orphan rebelling against her guardian aunt's strictures, impresses the sleuth with her intelligence and acumen. Holmes initiates her into the mysteries of detection, allowing her to participate in a few cases when she comes home from her studies at Oxford. The collaboration is ignited by the kidnapping in Wales of Jessica Simpson, daughter of an American senator. The sleuthing duo find signs of the hand of a master criminal, and after Russell rescues the child, attempts are made on their lives (and on Watson's), with evidence piling up that the master criminal is out to get Holmes and all he holds dear. King (A Grave Talent) has created a fitting partner for the Great Detective: a quirky, intelligent woman who can hold her own with a man renowned for his contempt for other people's thought processes.  
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 From Booklist  
 Imagine Sherlock Holmes retiring to a Sussex farm but keeping his hand in by occasionally investigating cases for the British government. Imagine further that Watson was not so much Holmes' helpmate and confidant as a kindly bumbler who proved more a hindrance than a help. Then picture Holmes, walking on the Sussex Downs, literally stumbling across a 15-year-old girl whose brilliant intellect, caustic wit, egotistical personality, and gift for detail rival Holmes' own. Finally, envision the stirring adventures Holmes and his protégée could have as a detective duo. King has used these fanciful possibilities to create a wonderfully original and entertaining story that is funny, heartwarming, and full of intrigue, with Holmes and his

young apprentice, Mary Russell, matching wits with some of the finer criminal minds of the times, including the brilliantly diabolic daughter of Holmes' old enemy, Professor Moriarty. Everything about this book rings true, from the ambience of World War I England to the intriguing relationship between Holmes and Mary to the surprising final confrontation between Holmes and Moriarty's daughter. Holmes fans, history buffs, lovers of humor and adventure, and mystery devotees will all find King's book absorbing from beginning to end. Emily Melton