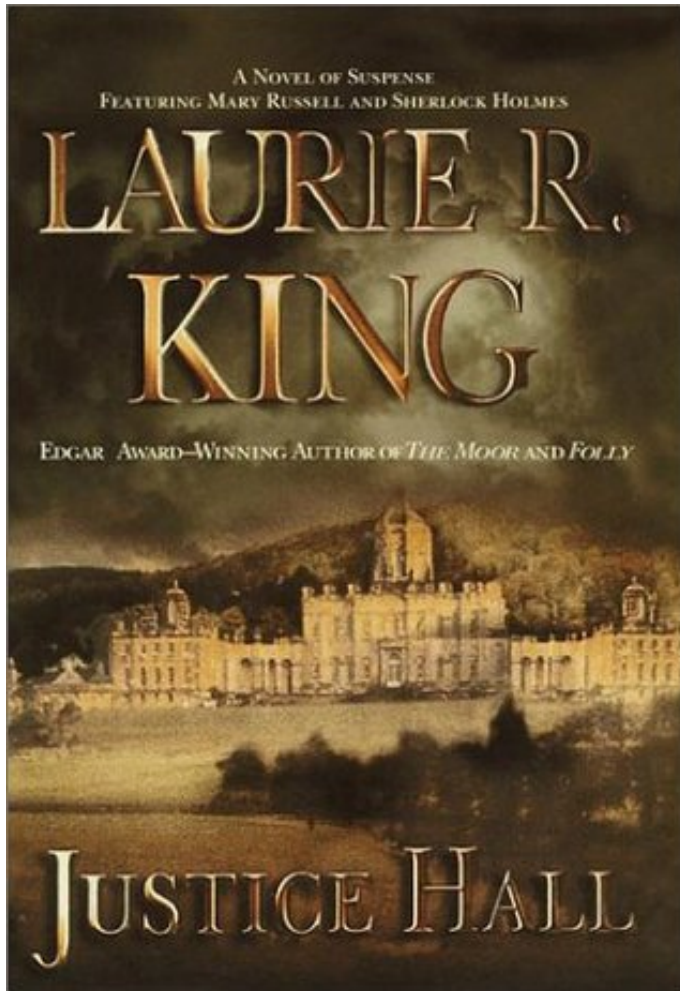

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Description

Narrator Mary Russell and husband Sherlock Holmes seek truth of doomed heir to Justice Hall. An unknown officer convinced Gabriel to be executed for cowardice. Cousins we met before as Bedouins Ali and Mahmoud Hazr, are now known as Alistair and Marsh, current unwilling heir someone is attacking. Can the Holmeses find an heir to free their friends back to Arabia?

Insightful reviews

Cliff: I had been unaware of this series until I picked up this book. I've read a number of post Conan Doyle Holmes stories recently and this has to be the best. By choosing a new companion for Holmes the need to replicate the 'Watson' style is negated. Quite how the misogynist Holmes has managed to marry a woman many years his junior is no doubt explained in earlier books in the series. He plays a fairly minor part in this story - whether that is usual I don't know. Clearly I need to read earlier volumes in the series. The author is American and, I am delighted to say, makes none of the obvious blunders that American authors writing stories set in the UK often perpetrate. She gets a number of brownie points from me by knowing that the correct description of a clergyman when first introduced is 'the Reverend John Smith'. Thereafter he is 'the Reverend Mr Smith'. The solecism 'the Reverend Smith' should never be used, something even the BBC don't seem to appreciate these days. It's as bad as 'train station'!

colleen the fabulous fabulaphile: 2.75-ish

A fair to middling entrance in the series - not terrible, and not great, but maybe a little bit better than just ok.

It was interesting to see Mahmoud and Ali again from 'O Jerusalem', and in such a different context.

I think some of the best parts were the historical bits - like learning more about the War and the British governments cases of executing soldiers for desertion or, in the case of the story, for refusing bad orders, without any real trial or defense. It was sad and horrible.

The case... well, like I said, fair to middling. As with these books in general, there isn't a lot of seeing scant evidence and making grand deductions via ratiocination as much as there's a lot of normal detective type wandering around, looking for/stumbling across clues, sometimes getting lucky, sometimes not, so on and so forth.

Stuff that did happen in Doyle's stories, but mostly off the page.

While I do enjoy the stories, and the characters and the world, I don't feel like any of the cases really make the characters really shine.

I can't really put my finger on my mixed feelings of this series... so I guess I'll sum it up by

saying I like them, but I think they could be more.

Teri-k: This book feels slow to start. I think that's because it's very much the typical British country house setting, and the previous books haven't been. At 1/3 in the basic question has been set up and Mary and Sherlock are taking first steps to investigate. This probably isn't any later than in previous books. But I wasn't expecting it to feel so Jane Austenish. lol

The story is definitely less quirky and dependent on Mary than the first few were. In fact, it feels more like an Anne Perry novel than Mary Russell. I like Anne Perry, but when I read a book in this series I really want more of Mary's attitude and opinions, and I'm not getting them here. It's a pretty standard WWI mystery, moving and quite sad.

I'll give it three stars because it's very well done but I still don't think it fits with the rest of the series. You could change Mary and Sherlock's names to any number of detectives and not tell the difference. I find that disappointing.

Emily: After having a very tough time getting via O Jerusalem (c'mon, i will purely take rather a lot description of trudging alongside within the sand), I completely loved this novel. I had learn sufficient of O Jerusalem to get a good suggestion of the characters Mahmoud and Ali and that i was once satisfied to work out them again in a really assorted context here. the tale of Mahmoud's, or Marsh's, nephew pretty well introduced me to tears. i did not particularly anticipate the tale to be that severe and actual and it stuck me off guard, yet in a truly strong way. Out of the books during this sequence that i have learn thus far (1,2, and 5, weird, I know) this was once certainly the main poignant. I may suggest it, yet basically after analyzing a few or all of O Jerusalem first.

Sher: My evaluate for this factor within the Mary Russell sequence is mixed. total it was once ok to I beloved it and infrequently I beloved it very much. My favourite booklet within the sequence was once O Jerusalem, and Justice corridor brings again of the characters from that book. I loved traveling them again. The WWI heritage in Justice corridor was once interesting, and that i acquired a few new perspectives of the way squaddies have been handled and what they confronted because the conflict neared its end. But, a number of the depictions of the characters i discovered unbelievable. And, I felt the publication used to be too long, and every now and then the descriptions of people, places, moments have been overdone-- in my opinion-- and wearing. Yet, a few of the descriptions of Justice corridor ring in my reminiscence and that i fairly enjoyed analyzing in regards to the English chook searching scene. Still, I questioned , for the 1st time, does this sequence have to come to an end? I mean, maybe it really is time. Yet, there are numerous books ahead. in contrast to a few reviewers who believe there may be extra Holmes in those books, I treasure Mary Russell's voice, and that i completely benefit from the mysteries from her element of view.

Karen: What am i able to say approximately this book? This writer is brilliant. i'd disagree with the various worldview that flows from her brain to her characters' worlds yet there is not any denying that she is outstanding and that books five and 6, which evidently circulate together, are a masterful blend that i'm going to get pleasure from back within the future. She created a character, who had died prior to the publication begun (so no spoilers), after which so hooked

up me to this personality that i really mourned him and enjoyed his family. The dating among Holmes and Russel isn't really as explored during this ebook as in others, however it remains to be there in its sweetness and rationality. Of all of the books so far, i'd so much prefer to see Justice corridor became in to a movie, even if the publication is already larger than the movie.

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