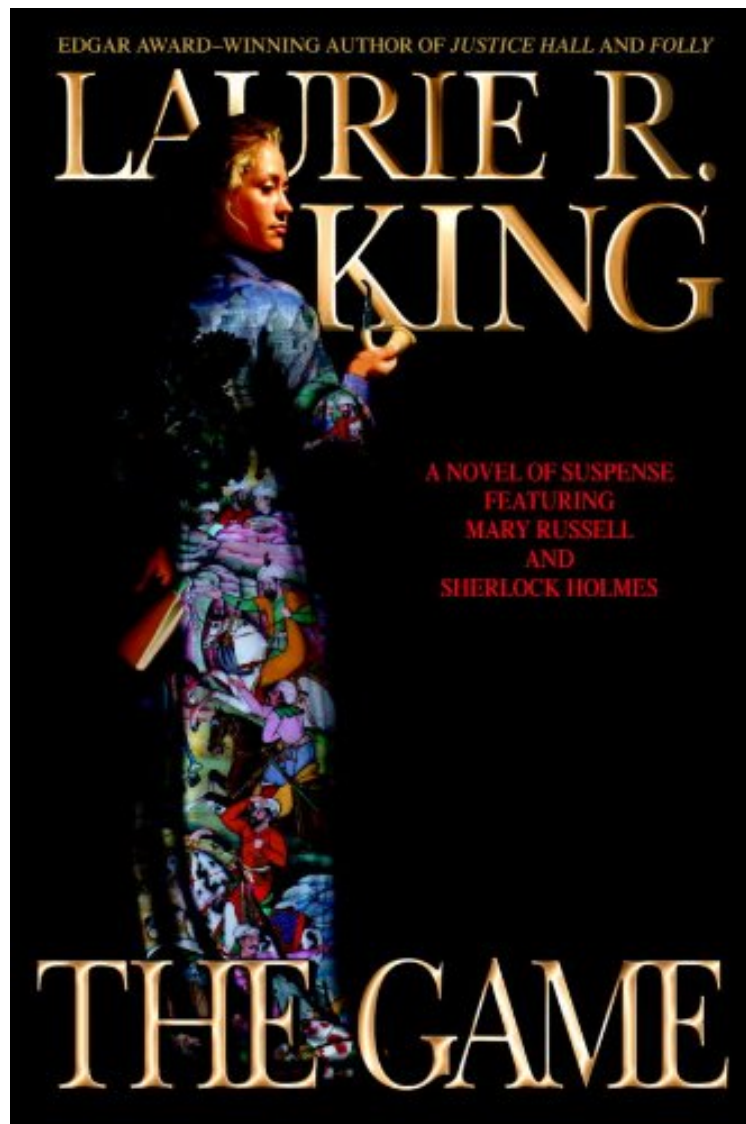


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**Von Laurie R. King : The Game: A novel of suspense featuring Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes (A Mary Russell Sherlock Holmes Mystery)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Game: A novel of suspense featuring Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes (A Mary Russell Sherlock Holmes Mystery):

Kundenrezensionen  
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7 von 10 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Nicht das beste Buch in der Mary Russel Reihe  
Von Ein Kunde  
Nachdem ich bereits alle sechs vorher veröffentlichten Bücher der Mary Russell Reihe gelesen hatte (und ein Fan dieser Reihe bin), wartete ich mit Spannung auf das neue Buch. Meine Erwartungen an dieses Buch wurden leider enttäuscht.  
Zum Inhalt: Mary Russel und Sherlock Holmes werden nach Indien geschickt, um den berühmten Kim aus Rudyard Kiplings Roman zu finden, der von Kindesbeinen an für den Commonwealth spionierte und seit geraumer Zeit verschwunden ist.  
Laurie R. King versteht es (auch in diesem Buch) zweifellos, die geographischen, geschichtlichen und ethischen Hintergründe in einem kolonialen Indien interessant und vielschichtig darzustellen. Die Darstellung der Personen und ihrer Handlungen ist dieses Mal leider nicht so gelungen. Die zwischenmenschlichen Beziehungen der agierenden Personen werden zum Teil nur angerissen. Die Charaktere bleiben trotz aller Beschreibungen oftmals eindimensional. Die Hauptfigur, der vermisste Kim, lernt der Leser kaum kennen, obwohl er im Zentrum der Geschichte steht.  
Darüber hinaus gelingt es Frau King leider nicht so recht, den Spannungsbogen wie in den meisten vorherigen Büchern aufzubauen. Während ich sonst immer kaum das Buch aus den Händen legen konnte, musste ich mich dieses Mal berwinden, keine Seiten zu berschlagen. Das Buch endet schließlich ziemlich abrupt als ob eine bestimmte Seitenzahl erreicht wurde und nun nicht mehr geschrieben werden dürfte.  
Daher nur 3 Sterne.  
0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Lovely as all of her books  
Von Sunny  
As a big Laurie R King Fan, I went digital and ordered a few of her books in kindle edition - lovely as all of her writing!

Kurzbeschreibung  
BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Laurie R. King's *Garment of Shadows*. It's only the second day of 1924, but Mary Russell and her husband, Sherlock Holmes, find themselves embroiled in intrigue. It starts with a New Year's visit from Holmes's brother Mycroft, who comes bearing a strange package containing the papers of an English spy named Kimball O'Hara—the same Kimball known to the world through Kipling's famed *Kim*. Inexplicably, O'Hara withdrew from the Great Game of espionage and now he has just as inexplicably disappeared. When Russell discovers Holmes's own secret friendship with the spy, she knows the die is cast: she will accompany her husband to India to search for the missing operative. But Russell soon learns that in this faraway and exotic land, it's often impossible to tell friend from foe and that some games aren't played for fun but for the highest stakes of all—life and death.  
From Booklist \*Starred\* It's New Year's Day 1924, and Mary Russell knows that the summons to her brother-in-law Mycroft's home can bode naught but ill. So the brilliant, young half-American Jewish wife of Sherlock Holmes finds herself and her spouse on the way to India, and the person they search for there is none other than Kimball O'Hara—the grown-up British agent who was once the Kim of Rudyard Kipling. This intriguing premise allows King room to develop a series of voluptuous set pieces: about the learning of language, prestidigitation, and disguise; about shipboard mores among the upper classes; about the daily habits of a maharaja's many-splendored guests and how they are housed, fed, and entertained. All the while and underneath these musings develops a wondrously taut mystery, ticking away like a malevolent clock. The whole builds and explodes into a deadly finale: a hunt for wild boar and a daring rescue (of Holmes) with unlikely saviors in the persons of a beggar child and a languid, snarky American. King scored another critical triumph earlier this year with her stand-alone thriller *Keeping Watch* [BKL Ja 115 03], but devotees of the Russell series will be overjoyed at this return to familiar ground. Fabulous reading, breathless excitement, and the myriad pleasures of watching great minds at work.  
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From School Library Journal  
Adult/High School  
Once apprentice, now investigator, Mary Russell travels to India in 1925 with her former mentor, now husband, Sherlock Holmes. In this seventh adventure, the duo is searching for Kimball O'Hara, the Kim of Rudyard Kipling's eponymous novel. On a mission from Sherlock's brother Mycroft, long involved in British espionage, they are tasked with finding Kim or evidence of his status as victim or traitor. Sailing to India on a luxury liner, they meet an American family with a debutante daughter, a social-climbing mother, and a left-leaning son, who of course reappear at a strategic moment. Upon their arrival, Mary and Sherlock disguise themselves as native traveling magicians and seek out an anti-English and very sadistic maharaja, "Jimmy." With her usual thorough research, King imbues the mystery with lots of historical detail and a real sense of time and place. This is one of the best in the series and can easily be read on its own, though readers will then want to go back and see how the strange, but surprisingly plausible, meeting and union between a young Mary and a considerably older Holmes actually occurs. Likewise, a previous reading of *Kim* is unnecessary, but teens will likely be intrigued enough to go on to read that as well. A sure bet for mystery lovers and historical fiction fans.  
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