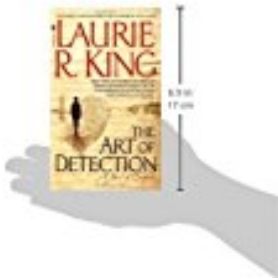


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From Publishers Weekly Echoing King's narrative, Bresnahan's reading takes the leisurely route, bypassing the thrills and chills of the average mystery-thriller in favor of a more scenic tour. Her voice—soft, mellifluous, eminently reasonable—provides a pleasing carriage for a listener's journey. King's novel merges characters from her two best-known series: San Francisco detective Kate Martinelli and Sherlock Holmes's wife, Mary Russell. Martinelli is conducting an investigation of the mysterious death of an avid collector of Holmesian memorabilia. Bresnahan is assisted by Mackenzie, whose plummy Oxbridge tones in the Holmes story chillingly echo the twists and turns of Martinelli's investigation. The admixture of Bresnahan and Mackenzie makes for an occasionally surprising but mostly enjoyable combination, as if King's novel, two different books conjoined into

one, was also supplied with two paired readings. It is Bresnahan, though, who is the more pleasurable to listen to, her unorthodox delivery outshining Mackenzie's *Masterpiece Theatre* diction.

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From School Library Journal Adult/High School--The mores of 1920s San Francisco are juxtaposed with those of today as detective Kate Martinelli investigates a murder in this straightforward police procedural. At the victim's home, she discovers a typewritten manuscript that may be an undiscovered story by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, which becomes the centerpiece of a mystery that includes a Sherlock Holmes dinner group, a dead man found in an unlikely place, and a plethora of suspects. Newcomers to the series may have a difficult time keeping all the players and the complexities of their connections straight, but the uniqueness of Martinelli's family and friends is engaging. The setting of San Francisco and the Marin headlands, both present and past, adds another layer of depth to the realities of everyday life in a police inspector's work. King's prose is somewhat dry and rather pithy in places and the plot stretches a bit thin at times, but the sheer fascination of following Occam's razor will draw readers in. Teens who enjoy whodunits and Sherlock Holmes will enjoy *The Art of Detection*.--Charli Osborne, *Oxford Public Library, MI*
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