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Nan and Sarah's first task: to confront and eliminate the mysterious and deadly entity that nearly killed them as children: the infamous Haunt of Number 10 Berkeley Square. But the next task divides the girls for the first time since they were children. A German opera star begs Sarah for help, seeking a Medium's aid against not just a single spirit, but a multitude.

As Sarah becomes more deeply entwined with the Prima Donna, Nan continues to assist John and Mary Watson alone, only to discover that Sarah's case is far more sinister than it seems. It threatens to destroy not only a lifelong friendship, but much, much more.

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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

The 11th book in Lackey's Elemental Masters series (after *From a High Tower*) partners familiar faces with literary great Sherlock Holmes to solve a series of strange events. Series protagonists Nan and Sarah have returned, along with their feathered companions, Grey and Neville, and their talented young ward, Suki. After being tested by the great detective himself, the pair set out to work with John and Mary Watson, making particular use of Nan's psychic abilities to solve the case of a missing girl whose sister is the new darling of the Royal Opera stage. The course of the case sees Nan and Sarah searching in opposite directions, and the strength of their devotion to each other is tested as they delve into their work with the Watsons. Lackey's characteristic attention to detail often overwhelms the greater story, but the beauty in the bonds between characters shines through. The artificially elongated narrative detracts from an otherwise sumptuous story set against the backdrop of Victorian England. (June)

Review

Praise for the Elemental Masters series:

"The Paris of Degas, turn-of-the-century Blackpool, and the desperation of young girls without family or other protection come to life in a **story that should interest a broad readership.**" —*Booklist*

"All in **fine fairy-tale tradition**.... It's grim fun, with some nice historical detail, and just a hint of romance to help lighten things." —*Locus*

"The action and dialogue flow freely, mingling with beautiful descriptions of European countryside and just a hint of romance.... A **well-developed heroine and engaging story.**" —*Publishers Weekly*

"The fifth in the series involving the mysterious Elemental Masters, this story of a resourceful young dancer also delivers a new version of a classic fairy tale. **Richly detailed historic backgrounds** add flavor and richness to an already strong series that belongs in most fantasy collections. Highly recommended." —*Library Journal*

"Lackey's fantastical world of Elementals, plus her delightful Nan and Sarah, create an amusing contrast for Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes and John Watson.... The **mix of humor, history, fantasy, and mystery** is balanced in a way that any reader could pick up the book and thoroughly enjoy it from beginning to end." —*RT Reviews*

"The Elementals novels are **beautiful, romantic adult fairy tales.** Master magician Mercedes Lackey writes a charming fantasy." —*Worlds of Wonder*

"Ms. Lackey is a **master in fantasy**, and this visit to an alternate historical England is no exception. Vivid characterization and believable surroundings are flawlessly joined in a well-detailed world." —*Darque Reviews*

"I find Ms. Lackey's *Elemental Masters* series a **true frolic into fantasy.**" —*Fantasy Book Spot*

About the Author

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