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when beautiful wealthy yukiko and low born artist noriyoshi are found drowned together in a shinju or ritual double suicide everyone believes the culprit was forbidden love everyone but newly appointed yoriki sano ichiro despite the official verdict and warnings from his superiors the shogun s most honorable investigator of events situations and people suspects the deaths weren t just a tragedy they were murder risking his family s good name and his own life sano will search for a killer across every level of society determined to find answers to a mystery no one wants solved no one but sano as subtle and beautiful as the culture it evokes shinju vividly re creates a world of ornate tearooms and guady pleasure palaces cloistered mountaintop convents and dealthy prisons part love story part myster shinju is a tour that will dazzle and entertain all who enter its world bonus this edition includes an excerpt from laura joh rowland s the shogun s daughter laura joh rowland s thrilling series set in feudal japan is as gripping and entertaining as ever with the shogun s daughter japan 1704 in an elegant mansion a young woman named tsuruhime lies on her deathbed attended by her nurse smallpox pustules cover her face incense burns to banish the evil spirits of disease after tsuruhime takes her last breath the old woman watching from the doorway says who s going to tell the shogun his daughter is dead the death of the shogun s daughter has immediate consequences on his regime there will be no grandchild to leave the kingdom faced with his own mortality and beset by troubles caused by the recent earthquake he names as his heir yoshisato the seventeen year old son he only recently discovered was his until five months ago yoshisato was raised as the illegitimate son of yanagisawa the shogun s favorite advisor yanagisawa is also the longtime enemy of sano ichiro sano doubts that yoshisato is really the shogun s son believing it s more likely a power play by yanagisawa when sano learns that tsuruhime s death may have been a murder he sets off on a dangerous investigation that leads to more death and destruction as he struggles to keep his pregnant wife reiko and his son safe instead he and his family become the accused and this time they may not survive the day in a novel with echoes of noble house the alchemist and gorky park japan s preeminent detective samurai sano ichiro returns to risk his honor and life in 1690 nagasaki sano must crack his most sensitive case yet as he sets about to discover who killed a dutch trader whose body has washed up on the shore of a small island famed for its barbarians a compelling murder mystery set in seventeenth century japan filled with finely drawn characters and suspenseful plot twists laura joh rowland s the samurai s wife is a novel as complex vivid and artful as the glorious lost world it portrays far from the shogun s court at edo most honorable investigator sano ichiro begins the most challenging case of his career upon the insistence of his strong willed and beautiful wife reiko sano arrives with her at the emperor s palace to unmask the murderer who possesses the secret of kiai the spirit city a powerful scream that can kill instantly a high kyoto official is the victim treading carefully through a web of spies political intrigue forbidden passions and intricate plots sano and reiko must struggle to stay ahead of the palace storm and outwit a cunning killer but as they soon discover solving the case means more than their survival for if they fail japan could be consumed in the bloodiest war it has ever seen with a triple murder on his hands sano s search for a killer leads to a clash of wills with reiko his headstrong wife september 1693 and a cottage belonging to the black lotus temple spiritual centre for hundreds of buddhist nuns monks priests and orphans is burned to the ground leaving three dead samuri detective sano ichiro quickly discovers the victims did not die in the fire they were brutally murdered before the fire began his investigation of the incident leads him to haru an orphan girl found at the scene of the crime but reiko investigating the case against sano s wishes is convinced of her innocence but will reiko risk her marriage to sano in order to prove haru could not be the multiple murderer the sequel to the acclaimed novel shinju again features detective sano ichiro as he trails a serial killer stalking feudal japan in 1689 an all powerful shogun controls the state surrounded by bitter machinations and political intrigues when an ancient tradition suddenly and brutally

reappears sano risks everything to bring the killer to justice bundori is terrific so good you won't want to put it down even to get off a plane laura joh rowland hits her stride as a writer who can deal equally well with the pacing of plot and the nuances of character development rowland clearly knows how to build suspense and action a talent that she demonstrates with great skill new orleans times picayune bundori is one of those mysteries in which the itch to find out whodunit recedes before the pleasure of prowling through a different world washington post book world sano may carry a sword and wear a kimono but you'll immediately recognize him as an ancestor of philip marlowe or sam spade denver post a colorful pictorial style that conveys excitement and danger the new york times book review award winning author laura joh rowland is back with the seventh in her critically acclaimed victorian mystery series in which sarah bain barrett is pitted against a true crime serial killer who may have ties to jack the ripper london april 1891 when the severed torso of a woman washes up on the bank of the river thames london believes a serial killer from the past has struck again crime photographer and investigator sarah bain barrett is on the scene with her friends mick o reilly and lord hugh staunton this is their chance to solve a grisly cold case and deliver a monster to belated justice with help from sarah's husband detective sergeant thomas barrett her sister sally albert an intrepid newspaper reporter and hugh's psychologist dr joshua lewes who's a pioneer in the new science of criminal profiling but the opportunity brings troubles galore sarah and her husband can't agree on what direction their inquiries should take barrett favors concentrating on two shady characters he knows from his days as a patrol constable in whitechapel while sarah suspects the charismatic leader of a polygamous religious sect from which at least one woman has gone missing their discord threatens not only the investigation but their marriage to complicate matters sarah's bitter enemy inspector reid is leading the police's hunt for the killer they're calling the torso murderer obsessed with the ripper case and his own failure to solve it he thinks the ripper and the torso murderer are one and the same person a notion that could steer the police investigation disastrously off course hot in pursuit of the killer reid is also hell bent on discovering what sarah and company have been hiding about the ripper the torso murder case threatens to expose a dangerous truth tear apart sarah's close knit band of comrades and send them to the gallows before they can put the killer out of action the perfumed sleeve is the ninth book in laura joh rowland's mystery series set in feudal japan featuring sano ichiro november 1694 the streets of edo are erupting in violence as two factions struggle for control over the ruling tokugawa regime one is led by the shogun's cousin lord matsudaira and the other by the shogun's second in command chamberlain yanagisawa each side pressures sano ichiro the shogun's most honorable investigator to join its ranks when one of the shogun's most trusted advisers is found dead sano is forced to honor a posthumous request for a murder investigation senior elder makino believed that his death would be the result of assassination rather than natural causes although he and sano were bitter enemies makino knew that the incorruptible sano would be duty bound to oblige his final wish under the watchful eyes and thinly veiled threats of both lord matsudaira and chamberlain yanagisawa sano moves with caution each is eager to implicate the other in makino's death sano must discover whether the death was indeed murder and if so whether it was motivated by politics love or sex the discovery of secret alliances both romantic and military further complicates matters sano's investigation has barely begun when violent death claims another of the shogun's favorites with his wife reiko working undercover sano and his chief retainer hirata must not only investigate multiple deaths but stem the tide of an impending civil war when the mutilated body of a dutch trader washes up on nagasaki shore sano ichiro finds himself leading a murder investigation that could thrust japan into war framed for treason sano must find the killer to prove his own innocence before his head dishonourably decorates the town's square laura joh rowland draws on the tradition of the classic film rashomon to bring us a masterful tale of intrigue and treachery in red chrysanthemum july 1698 sano ichiro the samurai detective who has risen to become the shogun's second in command is investigating rumors of a plot to overthrow the ruling regime when the investigation brings sano's deputy hirata to lord mori's estate he is shocked to find lord mori murdered and grotesquely mutilated in his own bed and sano's pregnant wife reiko lying beside him the only solid clue is a chrysanthemum soaked in blood reiko's account of her actions is anything but solid she insists that she went undercover to lord mori's estate in order to investigate claims that he

molested and murdered young boys but when sano inspects the crime scene he finds no trace of what reiko described and every other witness tells a different story lady mori alleges that reiko was lord mori s scorned mistress and murdered him for revenge and lord mori himself speaking through a medium claims his murder was part of sano s plot to overthrow the shogun unless sano can prove his wife s unlikely claims both he and reiko and their unborn child face execution for treason sano fights desperately to save his family and his honor japan 1709 the shogun is old and ailing amid the ever treacherous intrigue in the court sano ichiro has been demoted from chamberlain to a lowly patrol guard his relationship with his wife reiko is in tatters and a bizarre new alliance between his two enemies yanagisawa and lord ienobu has left him puzzled and wary sano s onetime friend hirata is a reluctant conspirator in a plot against the ruling regime yet sano s dedication to the way of the warrior the samurai code of honor is undiminished then a harrowing almost inconceivable crime takes place in his own palace the shogun is stabbed with a fan made of painted silk with sharp pointed iron ribs sano is restored to the rank of chief investigator to find the culprit this is the most significant and most dangerous investigation of his career if the shogun s heir is displeased he will have sano and his family put to death without waiting for the shogun s permission then worry about the consequences later and sano has enemies of his own as well as unexpected allies as the previously unimaginable death of the shogun seems ever more possible sano finds himself at the center of warring forces that threaten not only his own family but japan itself riveting and richly imagined with a magnificent sense of time and place the iris fan is the triumphant conclusion to lara joh rowland s brilliant series of thrillers set in feudal japan in the pillow book of lady wisteria lara joh rowland once again has written a book in which an exotic setting seventeenth century japan and a splendid mystery make for grand entertainment new york daily news in the carefully ordered world of seventeenth century japan the yoshiwara pleasure quarter is a place where men of all classes can drink revel and enjoy the favors of beautiful courtesans but on a cold winter s dawn sano ichiro the shogun s most honorable investigator of events situations and people must visit yoshiwara on a most unpleasant mission within a house of assignation reserved for the wealthiest most prominent men a terrible murder has occurred in a room that reeks of liquor and sex the shogun s cousin and heir lord mitsuyoshi lies dead a flowered hairpin embedded in his eye in the bed of the famous courtesan lady wisteria the shogun demands quick justice but sano s path is blocked by many obstacles including the disappearance of wisteria and her pillow book a diary that may contain clues the politics of court life the whims of the shogun and interference by his long time rival edo s chief police commissioner hoshina also hinder sano in his search for the killer sano s wife lady reiko is eager to help him but he fears what she may uncover when suspicion of murder falls upon sano himself he must find the real murderer to solve the case and clear his name lara joh rowland s acclaimed sano ichiro novels set in seventeenth century japan are riveting richly imagined and suspenseful as sano navigates a treacherous political landscape he works to protect the people of edo his family and his honor in these compelling thrillers the concubine s tattoo sano ichiro the shogun s most honorable investigator is summoned to the imperial palace to find the murderer of a young concubine poisoned while applying a lover s tattoo sano s new bride reiko insists on helping him with the case reiko s samurai blood and warrior s skill alarm her new husband who expected a docile wife but reiko is only the first of many surprises the samurai s wife sano ichiro the shogun s most honorable investigator of events situations and people has his doubts about the partnership that he and his spirited new wife reiko have forged while he recognizes that her help on his cases can be invaluable he sometimes longs for a more traditional wife still when a botched case and the resulting loss of face sends sano to the imperial city to find a killer whose methods are as terrifying as they are elusive sano needs the talents of his wife more than ever to infiltrate the emperor s inner circle black lotus when sano ichiro is called on to investigate the burning of a cottage belonging to the black lotus temple he makes a shocking discovery the three victims of the blaze were murdered before the fire even began sano s search for a killer leads him to haru an orphan girl found at the scene of the crime but sano s wife reiko investigating the case against sano s wishes is convinced of haru s innocence behind the walls of the black lotus temple she discovers a sect involved in extortion prostitution and hedonistic rituals could one of the sect s members be the killer now reiko must risk her marriage to

sano in order to prove haru s innocence in this ninth installment of this mystery series a high ranking official in 1694 eno is found brutally murdered sano ichiro the shogun s most honorable investigator is thrown into another case filled with sex danger and political intrigue martin s press a fortress in the sky japan 1701 a woman is brutally attacked within a bamboo prison as clouds swirl around her head meanwhile at edo castle samurai detective turned chamberlain sano ichiro is suspicious of his old rival yanagisawa who has been oddly cooperative since his return from exile but just as yanagisawa s true motives begin to emerge sano s estranged uncle comes to him for help his daughter has disappeared and he begs sano and his wife who once suffered through the kidnapping of their own son to find her before it is too late setting out for london to clear her name when she is falsely accused of plagiarism charlotte brontë inadvertently stumbles on a murder scene and becomes involved in a chain of events that forces her to confront past demons while following a trail of clues once again lara joh rowland s dazzling combination of history and storytelling draws us into a sumptuous and treacherous world in the dragon king s palace on a whim of the shogun s mother a procession has left the sweltering heat of edo bound for the cooler climate of mount fuji among her traveling companions are reiko the beautiful wife of sano ichiro the shogun s most honorable investigator of events situations and people reiko s friend midori nine months pregnant and lady yanagisawa the deranged wife of the shogun s powerful second in command none of them look forward to the trip but their troubles have only begun when their procession is stopped suddenly on a deserted road the entire retinue is viciously slaughtered and the four women are bound and taken away imprisoned by a mysterious kidnapper sano now finds himself faced with the most important case of his career the shogun demands quick action and under the threat of death sano is forced to work with his bitter enemies chamberlain yanagisawa and police commissioner hoshina the women are in imminent danger and the delivery of a ransom note only complicates matters forcing both sano and reiko to take desperate measures elegantly told and interspersed with delicious bits of history kirkus reviews lara joh rowland s the assassin s touch is a mystery set in feudal japan you won t want to miss may 1695 during a horse race at edo castle the chief of the shogun s intelligence service ejima senzaemon drops dead as his horse gallops across the finish line the fourth in a recent series of sudden deaths of high ranking officials sano ichiro is ordered to investigate despite his recent promotion to chamberlain and his new duties as the shogun s second in command meanwhile sano s wife reiko is invited to attend the trial of yugao a beautiful young woman accused of stabbing her parents and sister to death the woman has confessed but the magistrate believes there is more to this case than meets the eye he delays his verdict and asks reiko to prove yugao s guilt or innocence as their investigations continue both sano and reiko come to realize that the man he is trying to hunt and the woman she is desperate to save are somehow connected a single fingerprint on ejima s temple puts sano on the trail of an underground movement to overthrow the regime and in the path of an assassin with a deadly touch the ronin s mistress is a brilliant new twist on the fabled tale of the 47 ronin from lara joh rowland an author with a painter s eye for the minutiae of court life and a politician s ear for intrigue the new york times japan 1703 on a snowy night 47 warriors murder the man at the center of the scandal that turned them from samurai into masterless ronin two years before clearly this was an act of revenge but why did they wait so long and is there any reason they should not immediately be ordered to commit ritual suicide sano ichiro demoted from chamberlain to his old post as most honorable investigator of events situations and people has mere days to solve the greatest mystery of samurai legend while his own fortunes hang in the balance following the deaths of her siblings charlotte is far from home and has few people to trust struggling with romantic entanglements and her stressful rise to prominence on the literary scene she is more alone than ever on a visit to london charlotte goes on a tour of london s most famous hospital for the mad bedlam she is sure she recognises a struggling mr slade her long missing ex lover strapped to one of the stretchers japan march 1700 near a shinto shrine in the hills a windstorm knocks down a tree to uncover a human skeleton long buried and forgotten meanwhile in the nearby city of edo troops ambush and attack lady reiko the wife of sano ichiro the samurai detective who has risen to power and influence in the shogun s court the troops who attacked reiko appear to belong to sano s fiercest enemy lord matsudaira who denies all responsibility but if the rivals are not to blame for each other s misfortune who is just as sano s strife with

matsudaira begins to escalate to the brink of war the shogun orders sano to investigate the origins of the mysterious skeleton buried with swords that identify it as belonging to the shogun s cousin who disappeared forty years earlier on the night that a cursed kimono touched off a fire that nearly destroyed the city suddenly sano and reiko are forced to confront dangerous long buried secrets that expose sano s own mother as the possible culprit the shogun gives sano and reiko just three days to clear her name or risk losing not only their position at court but their families lives the fire kimono is another dazzling historical mystery from laura joh rowland a photographer in 1889 london miss sarah bain runs a private detective agency with her friends lord hugh staunton and former street urchin mick o reilly their sole credential is that they solved the jack the ripper case a secret they can never tell because they did it outside the boundaries of the law their new big case arises when a wealthy banker sir gerald mariner posts a handsome reward for finding his missing infant all of london joins in the search but sarah has an advantage a photograph she took during a routine surveillance job which unexpectedly reveals a clue about the kidnapping after sir gerald hires sarah hugh and mick to find his son they move into his opulent mansion and discover a photograph of baby robin it eerily resembles postmortem photographs taken of deceased children posed to look as if they re alive was the kidnapping real or a cover up for a murder is the perpetrator a stranger or someone inside the troubled mariner family the case hits close to home for sarah as it intertwines with her search for her father who disappeared after he became the prime suspect in a murder twenty three years ago she finds herself on the wrong side of the law which threatens her budding romance with police constable barrett but sarah must uncover the truth about robin s kidnapping and her own family before her past catches up to her in a mortallikeness the gripping follow up to award winning author laura joh rowland s the ripper s shadow acclaimed author laura joh rowland s mystery series set in fuedal japan featuring detective sano ichiro continues with the snow empress japan 1699 on a moonlit night on the northern frontier island of ezogashima a woman is running through the forest when an arrow strikes her dead meanwhile in the city of edo the young son of sano ichiro the samurai detective who has risen to power in the shogun s court vanishes during a moon watching festival when one of sano s political rivals hints that the boy was kidnapped and may be in ezogashima he and his wife reiko begin a desperate journey to find their son only to discover that the local ruler lord matsumae is holding the entire province hostage for another crime the murder of his mistress so sano strikes a deal he will solve the mistress s murder if matsumae will free the hostages and return his son soon however sano and reiko find themselves caught up in a dangerous scheme that includes clan warfare bitter jealousy and murderous betrayal as they race to unravel the mystery of the snow empress award winning author laura joh rowland is back with the fourth in her critically acclaimed victorian mysteries where the case of a mutilated sleeping beauty washes ashore in london london june 1890 sarah bain and her friends lord hugh staunton and mick o reilly are crime scene photographers for the daily world newspaper after solving a sensational murder they re under pressure to deliver another big story on a foggy summer night they re called to the bank of the river thames the murder victim is an unidentified woman whose face has been slashed but as sarah takes photographs she discovers that the woman is still alive the case of sleeping beauty becomes a public sensation and three parties quickly come forward to identify her a rich sinister artist who claims she s his wife a mother and her two daughters who co own a nursing home and claim she s their stepdaughter sister and a precocious little girl who claims sleeping beauty is her mother which party is sleeping beauty s rightful kin is someone among them her would be killer then sleeping beauty awakens with a severe case of amnesia she s forgotten her name and everything else about herself but she recognizes one of the people who ve claimed her sarah is delighted to reunite a family and send sleeping beauty home until one of the claimants is murdered suddenly sarah her motley crew of friends and her fiancé detective sergeant barrett are on the wrong side of the law now they must identify the killer before they find themselves headed for the gallows award winning author laura joh rowland is back with the sixth in her critically acclaimed victorian mystery series in which sarah must search for the killer of a woman she found murdered on a train all the while waiting for the verdict of her father s trial for heinous crimes committed two decades earlier london november 1890 crime scene photographer sarah bain barrett faces a perfect storm of events she and her husband detective sergeant barrett are riding on a

train that crashes while rescuing other passengers they find a woman who's been strangled to death their search for her identity and her killer lead them to cremorne gardens a seedy riverside pleasure park that's a combination carnival theater freak show and museum of oddities it's among the most challenging cases that sarah barrett and her friends lord hugh staunton and mick o reilly have ever undertaken the suspects include a dwarf a female acrobat and a member of the royal family due to the royal connection the police commissioner declares the case top secret sarah and company must investigate on the quiet keeping the suspects the press and the public in the dark that's easier said than done the investigation is complicated by the injury hugh sustained during their last case mick's romance with a woman who has psychic powers and barrett's old flame meanwhile sarah's father benjamin bain goes on trial for a rape and murder that happened more than two decades ago the victim was a teenage girl named ellen casey is benjamin bain as innocent as he claims sarah has serious doubts the trial is the scandal of the year a media blitz the outcome and the truth about the murder on the train are beyond sarah's wildest imaginings what dangerous secrets are hidden behind the tawdry glamor of cremorne gardens is benjamin bain wrongly accused or a guilty sinner who deserves to be hanged upon visiting bedlam london's notorious mental institution for research for an upcoming project charlotte is shocked to see someone who looks just like her old flame john slade who went to russia on a mission for the queen just two years earlier and hasn't been heard from since thus unfolds another rollicking world at stage thriller that takes charlotte all over england in the incense game laura joh rowland's powerful and evocative thriller sano ichiro and his wife strive to solve the case in a world that is crumbling around them an rt book review magazine reviewers choice award winner in the wake of a terrifying earthquake sano races to solve a crime that could bring down the shogun's regime japan 1703 a devastating earthquake has left the city of edo in shambles even the shogun's carefully regulated court is teetering on the brink of chaos this is no time for a murder investigation but when sano discovers the bodies of two young sisters buried beneath the rubble he suspects that incense poisoning not the earthquake killed them worse yet their father a powerful nobleman threatens to topple the vulnerable regime unless sano agrees to track down his daughters killer with the help of his wife reiko and his chief retainer hirata sano begins a secret investigation that jeopardizes his whole family and with hirata mysteriously neglecting his duties and an old foe plotting to overthrow sano and the shogun himself the shockwaves from the earthquake are only the beginning twenty months spent as the shogun's sosakan sama most honorable investigator of events situations and people has left sano ichiro weary he looks forward to the comforts that his arranged marriage promises a private life with a sweet submissive wife and a month's holiday to celebrate their union however the death of the shogun's favorite concubine interrupts the couple's wedding ceremony and shatters any hopes the samurai detective had about enjoying a little peace with his new wife after sano traces the cause of lady harume's death to a self-inflicted tattoo he must travel into the cloistered forbidden world of the shogun's women to untangle the complicated web of harume's lovers rivals and troubled past and identify her killer to make matters worse reiko his beautiful young bride reveals herself to be not a traditional obedient wife but instead a headstrong intelligent aspiring detective bent on helping sano with his new case sano is horrified at her unladylike behavior and the resulting sparks make their budding love as exciting as they mystery surrounding lady harume's death amid the heightened tensions and political machinations of feudal japan sano faces a daunting complex investigation as subtle as the finest lacquered screen as powerful as the slash of a sword laura joh rowland's the concubine's tattoo vividly brings to life a story of murder jealousy sexual intrigue and political storms that keeps is in its spell until the final shattering scene the year is 1888 and jack the ripper begins his reign of terror miss sarah bain a photographer in whitechapel is an independent woman with dark secrets in the privacy of her studio she supplements her meager income by taking illicit boudoir photographs of the town's local ladies of the night but when two of her models are found gruesomely murdered within weeks of one another sarah begins to suspect it's more than mere coincidence teamed with a motley crew of friends including a street urchin a gay aristocrat a jewish butcher and his wife and a beautiful young actress sarah delves into the crime of the century but just as she starts unlocking the ripper's secrets she catches the attention of the local police who believe she knows more than she's revealing as well as from the ripper himself now bent on silencing her and her friends for good

caught in the crosshairs of a ruthless killer sarah races through whitechapel s darkest alleys to find the truth until she makes a shocking discovery that challenges everything she thought she knew about the case intelligent and utterly engrossing laura joh rowland s victorian mystery the ripper s shadow will keep readers up late into the night far from the shogun s court at edo most honorable investigator sano ichiro begins the most challenging case of his career upon the insistence of his strong willed and beautiful wife reiko sano arrives with her at the emperor s palace to unmask the murderer who possesses the secret of kiai the spirit city a powerful scream that can kill instantly a high kyoto official is the victim treading carefully through a web of spies political intrigue forbidden passions and intricate plots sano and reiko must struggle to stay ahead of the palace storm and outwit a cunning killer but as they soon discover solving the case means more than their survival for if they fail japan could be consumed in the bloodiest war it has ever seen a legendary land comes alive in this compelling murder mystery set in seventeenth century japan filled with finely drawn characters and suspenseful plot twists the samurai s wife is a novel as complex vivid and artful as the glorious lost world it portrays for fans of c s harris comes laura joh rowland s fifth victorian mystery where sarah must confront her own ghosts and face her most elusive and deadly adversary yet victorian london is a city gripped by belief in the supernatural but a grisly murder becomes a matter of flesh and blood for intrepid photographer sarah bain london october 1890 crime scene photographer sarah bain is overjoyed to marry her beloved detective sergeant barrett but the wedding takes a sinister turn when the body of a stabbing victim is discovered in the crypt of the church not every newlywed couple begins their marriage with a murder investigation but sarah and barrett along with their friends lord hugh staunton and mick o reilly take the case the dead man is charles firth whose profession is spirit photography photographing the ghosts of the deceased when sarah develops the photographs he took in the church she discovers one with a pale blurred figure attacking the victim the city s spiritualist community believes the church is haunted and the figure is a ghost but sarah is a skeptic and she and her friends soon learn that the victim had plenty of enemies in the human world including a scientist who studies supernatural phenomena his psychic daughter and an heiress on a campaign to debunk spiritualism and expose fraudulent mediums in the tunnels beneath a demolished jail a ghost hunting expedition ends with a new murder and new suspects while sarah searches for the truth about both crimes she travels a dark twisted path into her own family s sordid history her long lost father is the prime suspect in a cold case murder and her reunion with him proves that even the most determined skeptic can be haunted by ghosts from the past from award winning author laura joh rowland a story about the darkness that lurks within and the deadly secrets that beg to be revealed intrepid photographer sarah bain and her motley crew of friends are back to hunt criminals in the dark seedy underbelly of victorian london but little do they know the darkness may lurk closer than they first divined photographer sarah bain and her friends lord hugh staunton and sometime street urchin mick o reilly are private detectives with a new gig photographing crime scenes for london s daily world newspaper the daily world is the latest business venture of their sole client sir gerald mariner a fabulously wealthy and powerful banker one cold snowy january morning sarah hugh and mick are summoned to the goriest crime scene they ve ever encountered a pub owner named harry warbrick has been found hanged and decapitated amid evidence of foul play his murder becomes a sensation because he was england s top hangman and he s met the same fate that he inflicted on hundreds of criminals sir gerald announces that the daily world meaning sarah and her friends will investigate and solve harry warbrick s murder before the police do the contest pits sarah against the man she loves police constable barrett she and her friends discover a connection between harry warbrick s murder and the most notorious criminal he ever executed amelia carlisle the baby butcher who murdered hundreds of infants placed in her care something happened at amelia s execution the official secrets act forbids the seven witnesses present to divulge any information about it but harry had a bad habit of leaking tips to the press sarah and her friends suspect that one of the other witnesses killed harry to prevent him from revealing a secret related to the execution what is the secret and who hanged the hangman 1689 in edo der hauptstadt des feudalen japan eine geheimnisvolle tempelwächterin spricht mit den geistern ein finsterer kammerherr verfolgt schurkische pläne ein unbekannter schleicht durch die straßen und sinnt auf rache für einen längst vergessenen verrat und versetzt damit

eine ganze stadt in panik sano ichiro der samurai der schon im kirschblütenmord erfolgreich ermittelte folgt der spur eines mörders und eines dunklen geheimnisses in eine exotische aufregende welt die laura joh rowland meisterhaft zu inszenieren versteht der zweite band der reihe um den japanischen ermittler sano ichirō der kirschblütenmord sano ichiro folgt der spur eines mörders und eines dunklen geheimnisses in eine exotische aufregende welt die laura joh rowland meisterhaft zu inszenieren versteht niemand wird seiner rache entkommen können der historische krimi die geister des mondes von laura joh rowland als ebook bei dotbooks japan 1699 die liste seiner feinde und neider wächst mit jedem tag bisher hat sano ichirō die rechte hand des shoguns jede verleumdung und jeden anschlag auf sich und sein haus abwehren können bis eines nachts sein sohn entführt wird die spur führt nach norden wo masahiro in der fernen provinz hokkaido gesichtet worden sein soll doch was sano und seine frau reiko in ihrer verzweifelten suche nach ihrem sohn dort entdecken hätten sie sich in ihren wildesten alpträumen nicht vorstellen können fürst matsumae der herr über hokkaido hält nicht nur ihren sohn sondern die ganze region in geiselnhaft bis der mord an matsumaes geliebter konkubine aufgeklärt wird sano und reiko haben keine wahl sie müssen den mörder finden sonst stirbt ihr einziger sohn mit ihrer krimi reihe hat laura joh rowland einen klassiker der spannungsliteratur geschaffen washington post jetzt als ebook kaufen und genießen der fesselnde historische kriminalroman die geister des mondes von laura joh rowland ein roman aus der bestsellerserie um sano ichirō die einzelnen bücher können unabhängig voneinander gelesen werden wer liest hat mehr vom leben dotbooks der ebook verlag fern der heimat kämpft ein samurai um seine ehre der historische krimi die spur des verräters von laura joh rowland als ebook bei dotbooks nagasaki 1690 sano ichirō höchster ermittler des shoguns ist einer hofintrige zum opfer gefallen der eifersüchtige kammerherr yanagisawa nutzt die schwere krankheit des herrschers und lässt sano in die hafenstadt nagasaki versetzen fern der hauptstadt kann der ehrenhafte samurai nichts gegen die intrigen seiner nemesis unternehmen und muss in einem ebenso brisanten wie gefährlichen fall seine fähigkeiten als ermittler beweisen jan spaen der direktor der holländischen ostindienkompanie ist verschwunden ein wettlauf gegen die zeit beginnt kann der samurai den fall nicht aufklären wird er nicht nur seine position verlieren sondern auch sein leben krimi und historischer roman verbinden sich in den büchern von laura joh rowland zu einer bewundernswerten einheit washington post jetzt als ebook kaufen und genießen der packende historische kriminalroman die spur des verräters von laura joh rowland ein roman aus der bestsellerserie um sano ichirō die einzelnen bücher können unabhängig voneinander gelesen werden wer liest hat mehr vom leben dotbooks der ebook verlag

Shinju 2011-12-14 when beautiful wealthy yukiko and low born artist noriyoshi are found drowned together in a shinju or ritual double suicide everyone believes the culprit was forbidden love everyone but newly appointed yoriki sano ichiro despite the official verdict and warnings from his superiors the shogun's most honorable investigator of events situations and people suspects the deaths weren't just a tragedy they were murder risking his family's good name and his own life sano will search for a killer across every level of society determined to find answers to a mystery no one wants solved no one but sano as subtle and beautiful as the culture it evokes shinju vividly re-creates a world of ornate tearooms and gaudy pleasure palaces cloistered mountaintop convents and dealthy prisons part love story part mystery shinju is a tour that will dazzle and entertain all who enter its world bonus this edition includes an excerpt from lara joh rowland's the shogun's daughter

The Shogun's Daughter 2013-09-17 lara joh rowland's thrilling series set in feudal japan is as gripping and entertaining as ever with the shogun's daughter japan 1704 in an elegant mansion a young woman named tsuruhime lies on her deathbed attended by her nurse smallpox pustules cover her face incense burns to banish the evil spirits of disease after tsuruhime takes her last breath the old woman watching from the doorway says who's going to tell the shogun his daughter is dead the death of the shogun's daughter has immediate consequences on his regime there will be no grandchild to leave the kingdom faced with his own mortality and beset by troubles caused by the recent earthquake he names as his heir yoshisato the seventeen year old son he only recently discovered was his until five months ago yoshisato was raised as the illegitimate son of yanagisawa the shogun's favorite advisor yanagisawa is also the longtime enemy of sano ichiro sano doubts that yoshisato is really the shogun's son believing it's more likely a power play by yanagisawa when sano learns that tsuruhime's death may have been a murder he sets off on a dangerous investigation that leads to more death and destruction as he struggles to keep his pregnant wife reiko and his son safe instead he and his family become the accused and this time they may not survive the day

The Way of the Traitor 2012-01-04 in a novel with echoes of noble house the alchemist and gorky park japan's preeminent detective samurai sano ichiro returns to risk his honor and life in 1690 nagasaki sano must crack his most sensitive case yet as he sets about to discover who killed a dutch trader whose body has washed up on the shore of a small island famed for its barbarians

The Samurai's Wife 2000-04-25 a compelling murder mystery set in seventeenth century japan filled with finely drawn characters and suspenseful plot twists lara joh rowland's the samurai's wife is a novel as complex vivid and artful as the glorious lost world it portrays far from the shogun's court at edo most honorable investigator sano ichiro begins the most challenging case of his career upon the insistence of his strong-willed and beautiful wife reiko sano arrives with her at the emperor's palace to unmask the murderer who possesses the secret of kiai the spirit city a powerful scream that can kill instantly a high kyoto official is the victim treading carefully through a web of spies political intrigue forbidden passions and intricate plots sano and reiko must struggle to stay ahead of the palace storm and outwit a cunning killer but as they soon discover solving the case means more than their survival for if they fail japan could be consumed in the bloodiest war it has ever seen

Black Lotus 2010-09-10 with a triple murder on his hands sano's search for a killer leads to a clash of wills with reiko his headstrong wife september 1693 and a cottage belonging to the black lotus temple spiritual centre for hundreds of buddhist nuns monks priests and orphans is burned to the ground leaving three dead samurai detective sano ichiro quickly discovers the victims did not die in the fire they were brutally murdered before the fire began his investigation of the incident leads him to haru an orphan girl found at the scene of the crime but reiko investigating the case against sano's wishes is convinced of her innocence but will reiko risk her marriage to sano in order to prove haru could not be the multiple murderer

Bundori: 2011-11-23 the sequel to the acclaimed novel shinju again features detective sano ichiro as he trails a serial killer stalking feudal japan in 1689 an all-powerful shogun controls the state surrounded by bitter machinations and political intrigues when an ancient tradition suddenly and brutally reappears sano risks everything to bring the killer to justice bundori is terrific so good you won't want to put it down even to get off a plane

laura joh rowland hits her stride as a writer who can deal equally well with the pacing of plot and the nuances of character development rowland clearly knows how to build suspense and action a talent that she demonstrates with great skill new orleans times picayune bundori is one of those mysteries in which the itch to find out whodunit recedes before the pleasure of prowling through a different world washington post book world sano may carry a sword and wear a kimono but you ll immediately recognize him as an ancestor of philip marlowe or sam spade denver post a colorful pictorial style that conveys excitement and danger the new york times book review

River of Fallen Angels 2023-01-10 award winning author laura joh rowland is back with the seventh in her critically acclaimed victorian mystery series in which sarah bain barrett is pitted against a true crime serial killer who may have ties to jack the ripper london april 1891 when the severed torso of a woman washes up on the bank of the river thames london believes a serial killer from the past has struck again crime photographer and investigator sarah bain barrett is on the scene with her friends mick o reilly and lord hugh staunton this is their chance to solve a grisly cold case and deliver a monster to belated justice with help from sarah s husband detective sergeant thomas barrett her sister sally albert an intrepid newspaper reporter and hugh s psychologist dr joshua lewes who s a pioneer in the new science of criminal profiling but the opportunity brings troubles galore sarah and her husband can t agree on what direction their inquiries should take barrett favors concentrating on two shady characters he knows from his days a a patrol constable in whitechapel while sarah suspects the charismatic leader of a polygamous religious sect from which at least one woman has gone missing their discord threatens not only the investigation but their marriage to complicate matters sarah s bitter enemy inspector reid is leading the police s hunt for the killer they re calling the torso murderer obsessed with the ripper case and his own failure to solve it he thinks the ripper and the torso murderer are one and the same person a notion that could steer the police investigation disastrously off course hot in pursuit of the killer reid is also hell bent on discovering what sarah and company have been hiding about the ripper the torso murder case threatens to expose a dangerous truth tear apart sarah s close knit band of comrades and send them to the gallows before they can put the killer out of action

The Perfumed Sleeve 2007-04-01 the perfumed sleeve is the ninth book in laura joh rowland s mystery series set in feudal japan featuring sano ichiro november 1694 the streets of edo are erupting in violence as two factions struggle for control over the ruling tokugawa regime one is led by the shogun s cousin lord matsudaira and the other by the shogun s second in command chamberlain yanagisawa each side pressures sano ichiro the shogun s most honorable investigator to join its ranks when one of the shogun s most trusted advisers is found dead sano is forced to honor a posthumous request for a murder investigation senior elder makino believed that his death would be the result of assassination rather than natural causes although he and sano were bitter enemies makino knew that the incorruptible sano would be duty bound to oblige his final wish under the watchful eyes and thinly veiled threats of both lord matsudaira and chamberlain yanagisawa sano moves with caution each is eager to implicate the other in makino s death sano must discover whether the death was indeed murder and if so whether it was motivated by politics love or sex the discovery of secret alliances both romantic and military further complicates matters sano s investigation has barely begun when violent death claims another of the shogun s favorites with his wife reiko working undercover sano and his chief retainer hirata must not only investigate multiple deaths but stem the tide of an impending civil war

The Way of the Traitor 2009 when the mutilated body of a dutch trader washes up on nagasaki shore sano ichiro finds himself leading a murder investigation that could thrust japan into war framed for treason sano must find the killer to prove his own innocence before his head dishonourably decorates the town s square

Red Chrysanthemum 2007-10-02 laura joh rowland draws on the tradition of the classic film rashomon to bring us a masterful tale of intrigue and treachery in red chrysanthemum july 1698 sano ichiro the samurai detective who has risen to become the shogun s second in command is investigating rumors of a plot to overthrow the ruling regime when the investigation brings sano s deputy hirata to lord mori s estate he is shocked to find lord mori murdered and grotesquely mutilated in his own bed and sano s pregnant wife reiko lying beside him the only solid clue is a chrysanthemum soaked in blood reiko s account of her actions is anything but solid she insists that she went

undercover to lord mori s estate in order to investigate claims that he molested and murdered young boys but when sano inspects the crime scene he finds no trace of what reiko described and every other witness tells a different story lady mori alleges that reiko was lord mori s scorned mistress and murdered him for revenge and lord mori himself speaking through a medium claims his murder was part of sano s plot to overthrow the shogun unless sano can prove his wife s unlikely claims both he and reiko and their unborn child face execution for treason sano fights desperately to save his family and his honor

The Iris Fan 2014-12-09 japan 1709 the shogun is old and ailing amid the ever treacherous intrigue in the court sano ichiro has been demoted from chamberlain to a lowly patrol guard his relationship with his wife reiko is in tatters and a bizarre new alliance between his two enemies yanagisawa and lord ienobu has left him puzzled and wary sano s onetime friend hirata is a reluctant conspirator in a plot against the ruling regime yet sano s dedication to the way of the warrior the samurai code of honor is undiminished then a harrowing almost inconceivable crime takes place in his own palace the shogun is stabbed with a fan made of painted silk with sharp pointed iron ribs sano is restored to the rank of chief investigator to find the culprit this is the most significant and most dangerous investigation of his career if the shogun s heir is displeased he will have sano and his family put to death without waiting for the shogun s permission then worry about the consequences later and sano has enemies of his own as well as unexpected allies as the previously unimaginable death of the shogun seems ever more possible sano finds himself at the center of warring forces that threaten not only his own family but japan itself riveting and richly imagined with a magnificent sense of time and place the iris fan is the triumphant conclusion to laura joh rowland s brilliant series of thrillers set in feudal japan

The Pillow Book of Lady Wisteria 2007-04-01 in the pillow book of lady wisteria laura joh rowland once again has written a book in which an exotic setting seventeenth century japan and a splendid mystery make for grand entertainment new york daily news in the carefully ordered world of seventeenth century japan the yoshiwara pleasure quarter is a place where men of all classes can drink revel and enjoy the favors of beautiful courtesans but on a cold winter s dawn sano ichiro the shogun s most honorable investigator of events situations and people must visit yoshiwara on a most unpleasant mission within a house of assignation reserved for the wealthiest most prominent men a terrible murder has occurred in a room that reeks of liquor and sex the shogun s cousin and heir lord mitsuyoshi lies dead a flowered hairpin embedded in his eye in the bed of the famous courtesan lady wisteria the shogun demands quick justice but sano s path is blocked by many obstacles including the disappearance of wisteria and her pillow book a diary that may contain clues the politics of court life the whims of the shogun and interference by his long time rival edo s chief police commissioner hoshina also hinder sano in his search for the killer sano s wife lady reiko is eager to help him but he fears what she may uncover when suspicion of murder falls upon sano himself he must find the real murderer to solve the case and clear his name

The Samurai's Wife 2001-04 laura joh rowland sacclaimed sano ichiro novels set in seventeenth century japan are riveting richly imagined and suspenseful as sano navigates a treacherous political landscape he works to protect the people of edo his family and his honor in these compelling thrillers the concubine s tattoo sano ichiro the shogun s most honorable investigator is summoned to the imperial palace to find the murderer of a young concubine poisoned while applying a lover s tattoo sano s new bride reiko insists on helping him with the case reiko s samurai blood and warrior s skill alarm her new husband who expected a docile wife but reiko is only the first of many surprises the samurai s wife sano ichiro the shogun s most honorable investigator of events situations and people has his doubts about the partnership that he and his spirited new wife reiko have forged while he recognizes that her help on his cases can be invaluable he sometimes longs for a more traditional wife still when a botched case and the resulting loss of face sends sano to the imperial city to find a killer whose methods are as terrifying as they are elusive sano needs the talents of his wife more than ever to infiltrate the emperor s inner circle black lotus when sano ichiro is called on to investigate the burning of a cottage belonging to the black lotus temple he makes a shocking discovery the three victims of the blaze were murdered before the fire even began sano s search for a killer leads

him to haru an orphan girl found at the scene of the crime but sano s wife reiko investigating the case against sano s wishes is convinced of haru s innocence behind the walls of the black lotus temple she discovers a sect involved in extortion prostitution and hedonistic rituals could one of the sect s members be the killer now reiko must risk her marriage to sano in order to prove haru s innocence

A Sano Ichiro Collection 2016-02-23 in this ninth installment of this mystery series a high ranking official in 1694 eno is found brutally murdered sano ichiro the shogun s most honorable investigator is thrown into another case filled with sex danger and political intrigue martin s press

The Perfumed Sleeve 2010-06-24 a fortress in the sky japan 1701 a woman is brutally attacked within a bamboo prison as clouds swirl around her head meanwhile at edo castle samurai detective turned chamberlain sano ichiro is suspicious of his old rival yanagisawa who has been oddly cooperative since his return from exile but just as yanagisawa s true motives begin to emerge sano s estranged uncle comes to him for help his daughter has disappeared and he begs sano and his wife who once suffered through the kidnapping of their own son to find her before it is too late

The Cloud Pavilion 2008-03-13 setting out for london to clear her name when she is falsely accused of plagiarism charlotte brontë inadvertently stumbles on a murder scene and becomes involved in a chain of events that forces her to confront past demons while following a trail of clues

The Secret Adventures of Charlotte Bronte 2007-04-01 once again lara joh rowland s dazzling combination of history and storytelling draws us into a sumptuous and treacherous world in the dragon king s palace on a whim of the shogun s mother a procession has left the sweltering heat of edo bound for the cooler climate of mount fuji among her traveling companions are reiko the beautiful wife of sano ichiro the shogun s most honorable investigator of events situations and people reiko s friend midori nine months pregnant and lady yanagisawa the deranged wife of the shogun s powerful second in command none of them look forward to the trip but their troubles have only begun when their procession is stopped suddenly on a deserted road the entire retinue is viciously slaughtered and the four women are bound and taken away imprisoned by a mysterious kidnapper sano now finds himself faced with the most important case of his career the shogun demands quick action and under the threat of death sano is forced to work with his bitter enemies chamberlain yanagisawa and police commissioner hoshina the women are in imminent danger and the delivery of a ransom note only complicates matters forcing both sano and reiko to take desperate measures

Untitled Sano Ichiro Mystery #10 2006-10-31 elegantly told and interspersed with delicious bits of history kirkus reviews lara joh rowland s the assassin s touch is a mystery set in feudal japan you won t want to miss may 1695 during a horse race at edo castle the chief of the shogun s intelligence service ejima senzaemon drops dead as his horse gallops across the finish line the fourth in a recent series of sudden deaths of high ranking officials sano ichiro is ordered to investigate despite his recent promotion to chamberlain and his new duties as the shogun s second in command meanwhile sano s wife reiko is invited to attend the trial of yugao a beautiful young woman accused of stabbing her parents and sister to death the woman has confessed but the magistrate believes there is more to this case than meets the eye he delays his verdict and asks reiko to prove yugao s guilt or innocence as their investigations continue both sano and reiko come to realize that the man he is trying to hunt and the woman she is desperate to save are somehow connected a single fingerprint on ejima s temple puts sano on the trail of an underground movement to overthrow the regime and in the path of an assassin with a deadly touch

The Dragon King's Palace 2011-09-13 the ronin s mistress is a brilliant new twist on the fabled tale of the 47 ronin from lara joh rowland an author with a painter s eye for the minutiae of court life and a politician s ear for intrigue the new york times japan 1703 on a snowy night 47 warriors murder the man at the center of the scandal that turned them from samurai into masterless ronin two years before clearly this was an act of revenge but why did they wait so long and is there any reason they should not immediately be ordered to commit ritual suicide sano ichiro demoted from chamberlain to his old post as most honorable investigator of events situations and people has mere days to solve the greatest mystery of samurai legend while his own fortunes hang in the balance

The Assassin's Touch 2011-06-28 following the deaths of her siblings charlotte is far from home and has few people to trust struggling with romantic entanglements and her stressful rise to prominence on the literary scene she is more alone than ever on a visit to london charlotte goes on a tour of london s most famous hospital for the mad bedlam she is sure she recognises a struggling mr slade her long missing ex lover strapped to one of the stretchers

The Ronin's Mistress 2008-11-11 japan march 1700 near a shinto shrine in the hills a windstorm knocks down a tree to uncover a human skeleton long buried and forgotten meanwhile in the nearby city of edo troops ambush and attack lady reiko the wife of sano ichiro the samurai detective who has risen to power and influence in the shogun s court the troops who attacked reiko appear to belong to sano s fiercest enemy lord matsudaira who denies all responsibility but if the rivals are not to blame for each other s misfortune who is just as sano s strife with matsudaira begins to escalate to the brink of war the shogun orders sano to investigate the origins of the mysterious skeleton buried with swords that identify it as belonging to the shogun s cousin who disappeared forty years earlier on the night that a cursed kimono touched off a fire that nearly destroyed the city suddenly sano and reiko are forced to confront dangerous long buried secrets that expose sano s own mother as the possible culprit the shogun gives sano and reiko just three days to clear her name or risk losing not only their position at court but their families lives the fire kimono is another dazzling historical mystery from laura joh rowland

Bedlam 2018-01-09 a photographer in 1889 london miss sarah bain runs a private detective agency with her friends lord hugh staunton and former street urchin mick o reilly their sole credential is that they solved the jack the ripper case a secret they can never tell because they did it outside the boundaries of the law their new big case arises when a wealthy banker sir gerald mariner posts a handsome reward for finding his missing infant all of london joins in the search but sarah has an advantage a photograph she took during a routine surveillance job which unexpectedly reveals a clue about the kidnapping after sir gerald hires sarah hugh and mick to find his son they move into his opulent mansion and discover a photograph of baby robin it eerily resembles postmortem photographs taken of deceased children posed to look as if they re alive was the kidnapping real or a cover up for a murder is the perpetrator a stranger or someone inside the troubled mariner family the case hits close to home for sarah as it intertwines with her search for her father who disappeared after he became the prime suspect in a murder twenty three years ago she finds herself on the wrong side of the law which threatens her budding romance with police constable barrett but sarah must uncover the truth about robin s kidnapping and her own family before her past catches up to her in a mortal likeness the gripping follow up to award winning author laura joh rowland s the ripper s shadow

The Fire Kimono 2008-11-04 acclaimed author laura joh rowland s mystery series set in feudal japan featuring detective sano ichiro continues with the snow empress japan 1699 on a moonlit night on the northern frontier island of ezogashima a woman is running through the forest when an arrow strikes her dead meanwhile in the city of edo the young son of sano ichiro the samurai detective who has risen to power in the shogun s court vanishes during a moon watching festival when one of sano s political rivals hints that the boy was kidnapped and may be in ezogashima he and his wife reiko begin a desperate journey to find their son only to discover that the local ruler lord matsumae is holding the entire province hostage for another crime the murder of his mistress so sano strikes a deal he will solve the mistress s murder if matsumae will free the hostages and return his son soon however sano and reiko find themselves caught up in a dangerous scheme that includes clan warfare bitter jealousy and murderous betrayal as they race to unravel the mystery of the snow empress

A Mortal Likeness 2020-01-07 award winning author laura joh rowland is back with the fourth in her critically acclaimed victorian mysteries where the case of a mutilated sleeping beauty washes ashore in london london june 1890 sarah bain and her friends lord hugh staunton and mick o reilly are crime scene photographers for the daily world newspaper after solving a sensational murder they re under pressure to deliver another big story on a foggy summer night they re called to the bank of the river thames the murder victim is an unidentified woman whose face has been slashed but as sarah takes photographs she discovers that the woman is still alive the case of sleeping beauty becomes a public sensation and three parties quickly come forward to identify her a rich sinister artist who claims

she's his wife a mother and her two daughters who co own a nursing home and claim she's their stepdaughter sister and a precocious little girl who claims sleeping beauty is her mother which party is sleeping beauty's rightful kin is someone among them her would be killer then sleeping beauty awakens with a severe case of amnesia she's forgotten her name and everything else about herself but she recognizes one of the people who've claimed her sarah is delighted to reunite a family and send sleeping beauty home until one of the claimants is murdered suddenly sarah her motley crew of friends and her fiancé detective sergeant barrett are on the wrong side of the law now they must identify the killer before they find themselves headed for the gallows

The Snow Empress 1996 award winning author laura joh rowland is back with the sixth in her critically acclaimed victorian mystery series in which sarah must search for the killer of a woman she found murdered on a train all the while waiting for the verdict of her father's trial for heinous crimes committed two decades earlier london november 1890 crime scene photographer sarah bain barrett faces a perfect storm of events she and her husband detective sergeant barrett are riding on a train that crashes while rescuing other passengers they find a woman who's been strangled to death their search for her identity and her killer lead them to cremorne gardens a seedy riverside pleasure park that's a combination carnival theater freak show and museum of oddities it's among the most challenging cases that sarah barrett and her friends lord hugh staunton and mick o reilly have ever undertaken the suspects include a dwarf a female acrobat and a member of the royal family due to the royal connection the police commissioner declares the case top secret sarah and company must investigate on the quiet keeping the suspects the press and the public in the dark that's easier said than done the investigation is complicated by the injury hugh sustained during their last case mick's romance with a woman who has psychic powers and barrett's old flame meanwhile sarah's father benjamin bain goes on trial for a rape and murder that happened more than two decades ago the victim was a teenage girl named ellen casey is benjamin bain as innocent as he claims sarah has serious doubts the trial is the scandal of the year a media blitz the outcome and the truth about the murder on the train are beyond sarah's wildest imaginings what dangerous secrets are hidden behind the tawdry glamor of cremorne gardens is benjamin bain wrongly accused or a guilty sinner who deserves to be hanged

The Woman in the Veil 1997-06-17 upon visiting bedlam london's notorious mental institution for research for an upcoming project charlotte is shocked to see someone who looks just like her old flame john slade who went to russia on a mission for the queen just two years earlier and hasn't been heard from since thus unfolds another rollicking world at stage thriller that takes charlotte all over england

Bundori 2022-01-11 in the incense game laura joh rowland's powerful and evocative thriller sano ichiro and his wife strive to solve the case in a world that is crumbling around them an rt book review magazine reviewers choice award winner in the wake of a terrifying earthquake sano races to solve a crime that could bring down the shogun's regime japan 1703 a devastating earthquake has left the city of edo in shambles even the shogun's carefully regulated court is teetering on the brink of chaos this is no time for a murder investigation but when sano discovers the bodies of two young sisters buried beneath the rubble he suspects that incense poisoning not the earthquake killed them worse yet their father a powerful nobleman threatens to topple the vulnerable regime unless sano agrees to track down his daughters killer with the help of his wife reiko and his chief retainer hirata sano begins a secret investigation that jeopardizes his whole family and with hirata mysteriously neglecting his duties and an old foe plotting to overthrow sano and the shogun himself the shockwaves from the earthquake are only the beginning

Shinju 2010 twenty months spent as the shogun's sosakan sama most honorable investigator of events situations and people has left sano ichiro weary he looks forward to the comforts that his arranged marriage promises a private life with a sweet submissive wife and a month's holiday to celebrate their union however the death of the shogun's favorite concubine interrupts the couple's wedding ceremony and shatters any hopes the samurai detective had about enjoying a little peace with his new wife after sano traces the cause of lady harume's death to a self inflicted tattoo he must travel into the cloistered forbidden world of the shogun's women to untangle the complicated web of harume's lovers rivals and troubled past and identify her killer to make matters worse reiko his beautiful young

bride reveals herself to be not a traditional obedient wife but instead a headstrong intelligent aspiring detective bent on helping sano with his new case sano is horrified at her unladylike behavior and the resulting sparks make their budding love as exciting as they mystery surrounding lady harume s death amid the heightened tensions and political machinations of feudal japan sano faces a daunting complex investigation as subtle as the finest lacquered screen as powerful as the slash of a sword laura joh rowland s the concubine s tattoo vividly brings to life a story of murder jealousy sexual intrigue and political storms that keeps is in its spell until the final shattering scene *Garden of Sins* 2012-09-18 the year is 1888 and jack the ripper begins his reign of terror miss sarah bain a photographer in whitechapel is an independent woman with dark secrets in the privacy of her studio she supplements her meager income by taking illicit boudoir photographs of the town s local ladies of the night but when two of her models are found gruesomely murdered within weeks of one another sarah begins to suspect it s more than mere coincidence teamed with a motley crew of friends including a street urchin a gay aristocrat a jewish butcher and his wife and a beautiful young actress sarah delves into the crime of the century but just as she starts unlocking the ripper s secrets she catches the attention of the local police who believe she knows more than she s revealing as well as from the ripper himself now bent on silencing her and her friends for good caught in the crosshairs of a ruthless killer sarah races through whitechapel s darkest alleys to find the truth until she makes a shocking discovery that challenges everything she thought she knew about the case intelligent and utterly engrossing laura joh rowland s victorian mystery the ripper s shadow will keep readers up late into the night

The Further Adventures of Charlotte Bronte 2000-04-15 far from the shogun s court at edo most honorable investigator sano ichiro begins the most challenging case of his career upon the insistence of his strong willed and beautiful wife reiko sano arrives with her at the emperor s palace to unmask the murderer who possesses the secret of kiai the spirit city a powerful scream that can kill instantly a high kyoto official is the victim treading carefully through a web of spies political intrigue forbidden passions and intricate plots sano and reiko must struggle to stay ahead of the palace storm and outwit a cunning killer but as they soon discover solving the case means more than their survival for if they fail japan could be consumed in the bloodiest war it has ever seen a legendary land comes alive in this compelling murder mystery set in seventeenth century japan filled with finely drawn characters and suspenseful plot twists the samurai s wife is a novel as complex vivid and artful as the glorious lost world it portrays

The Incense Game 2017-01-10 for fans of c s harris comes laura joh rowland s fifth victorian mystery where sarah must confront her own ghosts and face her most elusive and deadly adversary yet victorian london is a city gripped by belief in the supernatural but a grisly murder becomes a matter of flesh and blood for intrepid photographer sarah bain london october 1890 crime scene photographer sarah bain is overjoyed to marry her beloved detective sergeant barrett but the wedding takes a sinister turn when the body of a stabbing victim is discovered in the crypt of the church not every newlywed couple begins their marriage with a murder investigation but sarah and barrett along with their friends lord hugh staunton and mick o reilly take the case the dead man is charles firth whose profession is spirit photography photographing the ghosts of the deceased when sarah develops the photographs he took in the church she discovers one with a pale blurred figure attacking the victim the city s spiritualist community believes the church is haunted and the figure is a ghost but sarah is a skeptic and she and her friends soon learn that the victim had plenty of enemies in the human world including a scientist who studies supernatural phenomena his psychic daughter and an heiress on a campaign to debunk spiritualism and expose fraudulent mediums in the tunnels beneath a demolished jail a ghost hunting expedition ends with a new murder and new suspects while sarah searches for the truth about both crimes she travels a dark twisted path into her own family s sordid history her long lost father is the prime suspect in a cold case murder and her reunion with him proves that even the most determined skeptic can be haunted by ghosts from the past

The Concubine's Tattoo 2007-04-01 from award winning author laura joh rowland a story about the darkness that lurks within and the deadly secrets that beg to be revealed intrepid photographer sarah bain and her motley crew of friends

are back to hunt criminals in the dark seedy underbelly of victorian london but little do they know the darkness may lurk closer than they first divined photographer sarah bain and her friends lord hugh staunton and sometime street urchin mick o reilly are private detectives with a new gig photographing crime scenes for london s daily world newspaper the daily world is the latest business venture of their sole client sir gerald mariner a fabulously wealthy and powerful banker one cold snowy january morning sarah hugh and mick are summoned to the goriest crime scene they ve ever encountered a pub owner named harry warbrick has been found hanged and decapitated amid evidence of foul play his murder becomes a sensation because he was england s top hangman and he s met the same fate that he inflicted on hundreds of criminals sir gerald announces that the daily world meaning sarah and her friends will investigate and solve harry warbrick s murder before the police do the contest pits sarah against the man she loves police constable barrett she and her friends discover a connection between harry warbrick s murder and the most notorious criminal he ever executed amelia Carlisle the baby butcher who murdered hundreds of infants placed in her care something happened at amelia s execution the official secrets act forbids the seven witnesses present to divulge any information about it but harry had a bad habit of leaking tips to the press sarah and her friends suspect that one of the other witnesses killed harry to prevent him from revealing a secret related to the execution what is the secret and who hanged the hangman

The Ripper's Shadow 2021-01-12 1689 in edo der hauptstadt des feudalen japan eine geheimnisvolle tempelwächterin spricht mit den geistern ein finsterner kammerherr verfolgt schurkische pläne ein unbekannter schleicht durch die straßen und sinnt auf rache für einen längst vergessenen verrat und versetzt damit eine ganze stadt in panik sano ichiro der samurai der schon im kirschblütenmord erfolgreich ermittelte folgt der spur eines mörders und eines dunklen geheimnisses in eine exotische aufregende welt die laura joh rowland meisterhaft zu inszenieren versteht der zweite band der reihe um den japanischen ermittler sano ichirō

[The Samurai's Wife, see ISBN 978-1-4299-6167-7](#) 2019-01-08 der kirschblütenmord sano ichiro folgt der spur eines mörders und eines dunklen geheimnisses in eine exotische aufregende welt die laura joh rowland meisterhaft zu inszenieren versteht

Portrait of Peril 2006-05-29 niemand wird seiner rache entkommen können der historische krimi die geister des mondes von laura joh rowland als ebook bei dotbooks japan 1699 die liste seiner feinde und neider wächst mit jedem tag bisher hat sano ichirō die rechte hand des shoguns jede verleumdung und jeden anschlag auf sich und sein haus abwehren können bis eines nachts sein sohn entführt wird die spur führt nach norden wo masahiro in der fernen provinz hokkaido gesichtet worden sein soll doch was sano und seine frau reiko in ihrer verzweifelten suche nach ihrem sohn dort entdecken hätten sie sich in ihren wildesten alpträumen nicht vorstellen können fürst matsumae der herr über hokkaido hält nicht nur ihren sohn sondern die ganze region in geiselhaft bis der mord an matsumaes geliebter konkubine aufgeklärt wird sano und reiko haben keine wahl sie müssen den mörder finden sonst stirbt ihr einziger sohn mit ihrer krimi reihe hat laura joh rowland einen klassiker der spannungsliteratur geschaffen washington post jetzt als ebook kaufen und genießen der fesselnde historische kriminalroman die geister des mondes von laura joh rowland ein roman aus der bestsellerreihe um sano ichirō die einzelnen bücher können unabhängig voneinander gelesen werden wer liest hat mehr vom leben dotbooks der ebook verlag

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