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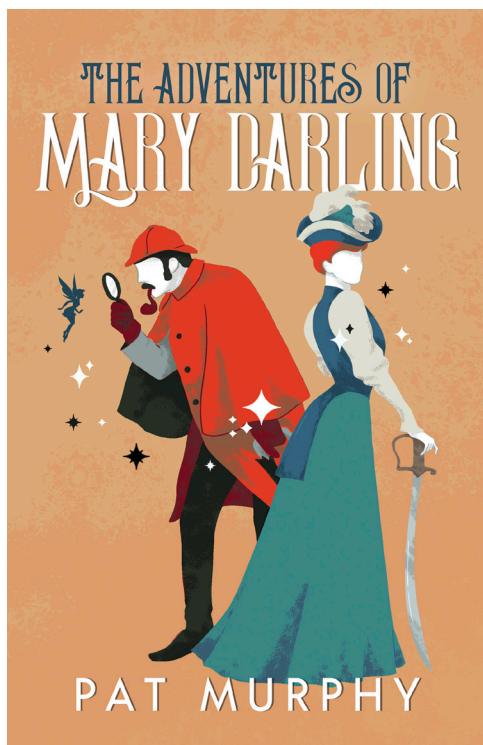
THE ADVENTURES OF MARY DARLING

“Murphy has a flair for description that brings every aspect of the setting vividly into focus.”

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Who is Mary Darling? In this subversive take on both Peter Pan and Sherlock Holmes, a daring mother is the populist hero the Victorian era never knew it needed.

Mary Darling is the pretty wife whose boring husband is befuddled by her independent ways. But one fateful night, Mary becomes the distraught mother whose three children have gone missing from their beds.



After her well-meaning uncle John Watson contacts the greatest detective of his era (but perhaps not *that* great), Mary is Sherlock Holmes’s prime suspect in her children’s disappearance. To save her family, Mary must escape London—and an attempt to have her locked away as mad—to travel halfway around the world.

Despite the interference of Holmes, Mary gathers allies in her quest: Sam, a Solomon Islander whose village was destroyed by contact with Western civilization; Ruby, a Malagasy woman on an island that everyone thinks is run by pirates (though it’s actually run by women); Captain Hook and the crew of the *Jolly Roger*; and, of course, Nana, the faithful dog and nursemaid.

In a witty and adventurous romp, *The Adventures of Mary Darling* draws on the histories of people indigenous to lands that Britain claimed, telling the stories of those who were ignored or misrepresented along the way.



Pat Murphy is an acclaimed author of science fiction, fantasy, and science books for adults, teens, and children. She has received the Nebula Award for *The Falling Woman*, the World Fantasy Award for *Bones*, and the Christopher Award for *The Wild Girls*. Murphy has worked as a writer at the Exploratorium and Klutz Press (the *Complete Klutz* series). She was the Activity Guru for the ed-tech start-up Mystery Science and the Marketing Director for the Crucible, a school of fire arts. Murphy lives in Boulder City, Nevada, where she is frequently visited by rabbits, quail, and the occasional coyote.

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