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Book Review

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Professor Tobin has traveled the world collecting exquisite and priceless artifacts. He has decided to donate a number of the artifacts to the British museum. The night before the crates are delivered to the museum, one of the artifacts is stolen, a one-of-a-kind feathered mask from the Amazon. Maisie Hitchins, Professor Tobin's young house maid and friend, determines to catch the thief. She has little to go on, but the Professor is counting on her. It turns out, thieves are not always what they seem, and maybe the feathered mask was needed more somewhere besides the British museum.

Maisie Hitchins is a young Sherlock Holmes. She even lives in a boarding house in London with her grandmother during the Victorian era. The character of Maisie is well developed and will resonate with young readers. Holly Webb weaves a plot that is complicated but simple enough that children will be able to keep up with Maisie's thought process. There are a few suspects that are introduced early in the book to keep the reader guessing. Marion Lindsay really paints a complete picture with her endearing artwork that is dispersed throughout the entire novel. This book would be a solid introduction to mysteries for young readers.

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Excellent

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