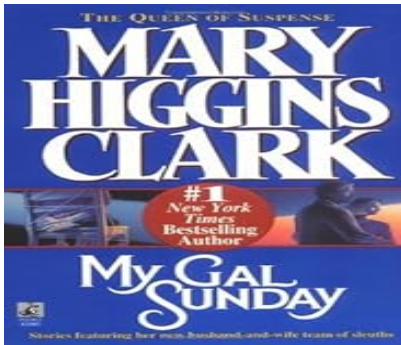


My Gal Sunday By Mary Higgins Clark



Mary Higgins Clark was inspired by the 1940s radio drama *Our Gal Sunday* about a country girl who marries a British aristocrat. In her version it's an American aristocrat, the young and popular former President of the United States, who is married to a newly elected congresswoman from a blue collar background in Jersey City. And of course this couple who has everything solves crimes together. The whole thing is very rich and very white, almost to the point of ridiculousness. The book is a collection of four short stories. The first is a straight up cozy mystery with an old friend famed for murder. It's fairly engaging but the short length doesn't really give it the space it needs to develop false trails and red herrings and the whodunnit turns out to be pretty much who you expected. The second story is a kidnapping thriller with Sunday abducted by what appears to be an international terrorist organization. Standard damsel in distress fare with a villain whose actions don't really make any sense and you're I guess supposed to chalk all of that up to well he's crazy. I liked the third story which involved a very cold case and some international political drama involving a fictional Latin American country. It did rely a bit on male protagonist Henry Parker Britland IV being something of a child prodigy in the past because of course he was but the villains were fallible in ways that made sense and the backstory was intriguing. Last up was the best of the collection, a Christmas story involving a lost child and a kidnapping plot gone wrong. Again interesting and fallible villains helped this along with the fact that it did not fit as much into standard mystery/thriller plot tropes as the other stories do. It was charming and sentimental in a good way. You'll probably get out of this if you enjoy the lifestyles of the rich and famous details that fill up the story. I appreciated the colorful descriptions but not in the romantic way they are clearly intended. The rich sleuth couple has the vibe of the old *Hart to Hart* TV series with the two main characters having a fun rapport and some witty dialogue. The balancing of real and fictional politics is handled well. Punk I really didn't care for this. Couple too cute and too predictable and totally unbelievable. Punk This collection of shorts about an American ex President and his darling Congresswoman wife will suffice if this is the only book left in the hostel book swap and there is time to kill at a coffee shop. Even then the minutes might be better spent people watching. Punk Little stories that include the president's new wife Sunday. Some of the stories good, some of the stories great. Mostly great. Really uick read as you're unable to set it down throughout each story. Very enjoyable. Wouldn't mind reading another similar story set book by Mary Higgins Clark. Liked that it had the same person in each story. Punk 4.5 stars. Punk I'm listening to this one on tape right now. I got it from the library because I remembered enjoying it a few years ago. I don't know why. The main characters are the most perfectly perfect couple in the history of the world with perfectly perfect lives. I want to smack them both. Who cares what happens to either one of them? I need to get another book on tape and return this one. Punk This book contains four short stories about a young perfect good looking ex president and his younger just as perfect and good looking wife who is a congresswoman. The characters in this dynamic duo seem to have no flaws. In addition to being the greatest president who ever lived after having been elected in his mid thirties, he now can solve mysteries with his equally talented wife. Totally unrealistic but an ok way to pass the time. Punk Have you ever heard of a president that was so good that the people wanted to break the law in the constitution so that he could stay in office? Well Henry Parker Britland IV was that president. He was very good at negotiating and he married the perfect lady. This book is made up of

four mysteries and my favorite one was about Henry and his wife Sunday and they bought back the old Britland yacht the Columbia This yacht has been in his family for years and was a party boat for presidents for years The last time before his family sold the yacht the prime minister of a Central American country was found missing Henry blamed it on himself because he was with him and then left The Prime Minister gave him something in an envelope that night and told him to keep it safe for him That night after Henry went to sleep someone stole the envelope and his journal of what happened that night To find out what happens next pick up this book in the library I promise you'll never put it down Punk I like to think I can enjoy the occasional mindless read just as much as the next galbut unfortunately My Gal didn't do it for meComprised of four novelettes the book features crime solving duo Henry Parker Britland IV and his lovely new bride Sunday Unfortunately the hunky ex president and the feisty congresswoman were too rich too pretty too charming and just too much in love to be anything short of annoyingHowever reading this I was reminded of a popular show from the '80s Hart to Hart that ran from 1979 1984 and was followed up by eight made for TV movies airing between 1993 1996 This book was published in 1996so who knowsNot awful the writing was fine and the stories were what they were just not my kind of fluff at least not any I actually remember liking Hart to Hart back in the day of course I was ten Punk Fast uick read of several short stories Henry Britland IV is a beloved former President who married a real cute girl seventeen years younger than himself after he left the White House She is a Congresswomen who has down to the earth roots and is smart and kind as well as being beautiful Together the two of them find themselves in situations where they have to right the wrongs or as Mary Higgins Clark puts it they make a formidable team of sleuths Punk A dashing ex president and his young congresswoman bride become an irresistible sleuthing duo in four acclaimed stories from the #1 New York Times bestselling ueen of SuspenseHenry Parker Britland IV—wealthy worldly and popular—is enjoying an early retirement His new wife Sunday—as clever as she is lovely—has just been elected to Congress in a stunning upset victory that has made her a media darling Henry and Sunday make a formidable teamand never so than when they set out to solve baffling high society crimes From a long unsolved case they reconstruct aboard the presidential yacht to a kidnapping that brings Henry frantically back to the White House the former president and his bride engage in some of the most audacious and original sleuthing ever imagined Only Mary Higgins Clark can so seamlessly meld spellbinding suspense wit and romance My Gal Sunday is entertainment of the highest order My Gal SundayAlafair Burke she wrote the Under Suspicion series With her daughter.

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