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Description:

From *Starred Review* While visiting a Minneapolis art museum, 14-year-old best friends Kari and Lucas (both girls) are reprimanded by an artist copying a Rembrandt painting. Then, while visiting London with Kari's journalist mother, the kids see the same man, recognizable despite a disguise, copying another Rembrandt. When international reports herald the discovery of a previously unknown Rembrandt painting, Kari and Lucas, both talented artists themselves, recognize the work

of the "Gallery Guy." Their suspicions lead them to Amsterdam, where, along with Kari's mother, they uncover an international forgery scam that implicates a top Dutch curator. Like Blue Balliett's *Chasing Vermeer* (2004), Runholt's debut is a clever, well-structured mystery that seamlessly folds art history into its exciting premise. The forged painting tells the ancient Roman story of Lucretia, signaling a theme of women's rights that Runholt carries throughout the book, from the girl's innocent questions about Amsterdam's red-light district to the strong female characters who drive the story. The pacing occasionally lags, but by the story's end, Runholt skillfully pulls in what could have become peripheral narrative tangents. Kari's authentic narration, her strong realistic friendship with Lucas, the cosmopolitan settings, and the carefully plotted mystery combine in a winning read that ends with the suggestion of continued adventures. Grades 7-10. --Gillian Engberg

Review Mystery fans will enjoy this clever, engaging story. -- *Kirkus Reviews*

[A] crackingly good mystery...smart and savvy heroines...and enough wonderful background info on great art and art-museum cities to fill a guidebook. I couldn't put it down! --Booksense

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