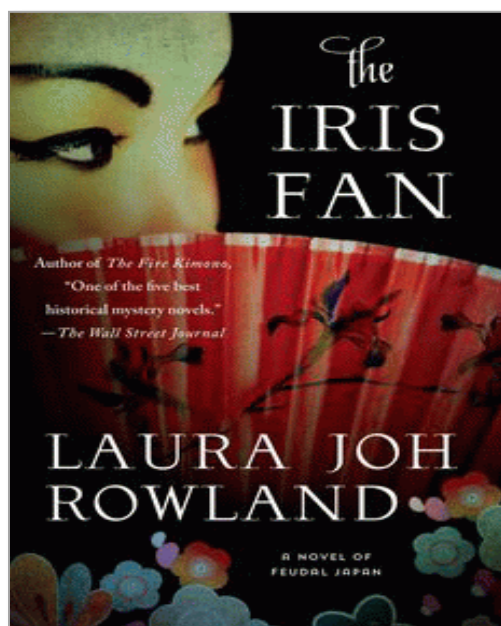


## Advance Information

### The Iris Fan

A Novel of Feudal Japan



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#### Selling Points:

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.

#### Description:

When the shogun's life is threatened, Sano Ichirō faces his biggest challenge yet in the spellbinding new thriller in Laura Joh Rowland's award-winning series set in feudal Japan, 1709. The shogun is old and ailing. Amid the ever-treacherous intrigue in the court, Sano Ichirō has been demoted from chamberlain to a lowly patrol guard. Evicted from their estate inside Edo Castle, he and his family now live in a hovel in the military district, 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 centre of warring forces that threaten not only his own family but Japan itself.



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