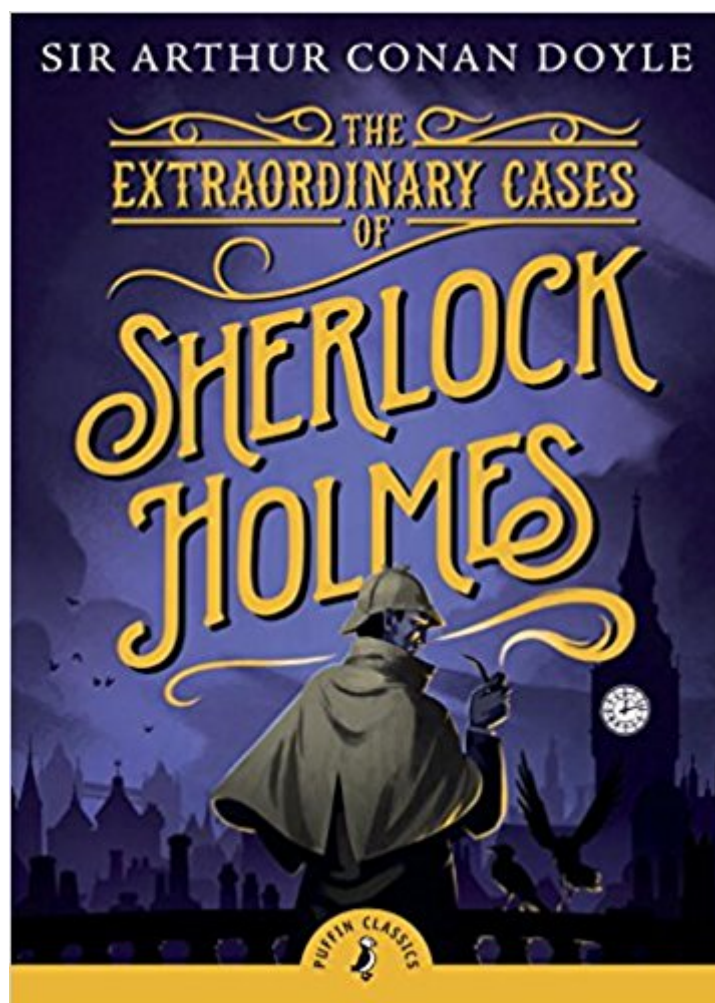


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Through the foggy streets of Victorian London to the deepest countryside, Sherlock Holmes uses his unique powers of deduction in eight thrilling investigations, including the mysteries of 'The Speckled Band' and 'The Reigate Puzzle'. With a captivating introduction by award-winning Jonathan Stroud.

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Customer Reviews

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was born in Edinburgh in 1859. After nine years in Jesuit schools, he went to Edinburgh University, receiving a degree in medicine in 1881. He then became an eye specialist in Southsea, with a distressing lack of success. Hoping to augment his income, he wrote his first story, *A Study in Scarlet*. His detective, Sherlock Holmes, was modeled in part after Dr. Joseph Bell of the Edinburgh Infirmary, a man with spectacular powers of observation, analysis, and inference. Conan Doyle may have been influenced also by his admiration for the neat plots of Gaboriau and for Poe's detective, M. Dupin. After several rejections, the story was sold to a British publisher for £25, and thus was born the world's best-known and most-loved fictional detective. Fifty-nine more Sherlock Holmes adventures followed. Once, wearying of Holmes, his creator killed him off, but was forced by popular demand to resurrect him. Sir Arthur had been knighted for his defense of the British cause in his *The Great Boer War*—he became an ardent Spiritualist after the death of his son Kingsley, who had been wounded at the Somme in World War I. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle died in Sussex in 1930.

My grandson loves this book!!

Ordered this book for my grandson. As described and shipping was fast. Would order from this seller again.

This book was for my nephew, Caleb. He loved it. Much like me he is a mystery buff.

first, allow me to say that i am quite enjoying these puffin classics editions of some of my favorite novels!this book is a great introduction to holmes, watson, and of course, that atmospheric london fog (which apparently doesn't really exist as we believe it does). the following stories are included in this collection:the adventure of the speckled bandthe adventure of the blue carbunclethe musgrave ritualthe reigate puzzlesilver blazethe adventure of the dancing menthe adventure of the six napoleonsthe missing three-quartera bonus here with the puffin classics is the addition of backstory included at the end of the book. here you can learn more about the author, the stories, the characters, and so much more. what a delightful thing to include!i have purchased most of these puffin classics editions, and will certainly look for future additions to add to my collection.

I bought this for my 12-year old granddaughter; it was good to see that a classic is still a classic.

My nephew is 12 and he enjoyed reading it

I bought this as a gift and am very pleased with the quality, especially for the reasonable price. I'm sure the child it's destined for will love it!

The Extraordinary Cases of Sherlock HolmesThis is a sampler with some of the famous short stories about Sherlock Holmes. They are taken from the first three collections of these stories. Some may have selected other stories. They were first written in the 1890s. Technology has advanced but human nature remains the same. The character of "Sherlock Holmes" was inspired by the famous medical professor in Edinburgh Scotland, Doctor Joseph Bell. Greed is the motive for most of these stories. I wonder how many were inspired by long forgotten true crime cases? The copyrights on these stories expired around 1970 so others are free to use these fictional characters, and they do. There are other books that contain a

selection of these short stories ,such as “Sherlock Holmes’s Greatest Cases”.

- * The Adventure of the Speckled Band. A young woman consults Holmes about her fears, her older sister died earlier. Why was her bedroom changed? What makes her stepfather so fierce? [Mad as a hatter?] Helen’s life is saved, the guilty person falls into his own trap.
- * The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle. A man lost his hat and a goose in a street fight. Can the owner be found? The goose was cooked, the rightful owner received a replacement. Will an innocent man be convicted for a theft? No. Holmes shows mercy.
- * The Musgrave Ritual. A friend visits Holmes to ask his advice about a missing butler. The butler’s former girlfriend also disappeared without a trace. Holmes studies the questions and answers of the heirloom ritual and solves the puzzle. A hidden pit tells what happened to the butler! Holmes surmised the unwritten history of the ritual.
- * The Reigate Puzzle. Holmes took a needed vacation in the country. He learns of a murder by a burglar, and examines the crime scene. There is a surprise when Holmes solves the murders. He explains his reasoning from discrepancies in the witnesses’ testimony.
- * Silver Blaze. A favorite horse disappears and its trainer killed. This benefits some bookmakers. We read the known facts of this event. Holmes inspects the murder scene, and looks beyond to find the hoofprints. He visits a nearby stable owner and gives him instructions. What did the dog do in the night? Holmes produces the missing horse and solves the killing.
- * The Adventure of the Dancing Men. A man’s wife was frightened by a letter that had little stick figures. He visits Sherlock, who studies this message. There is a shooting. Sherlock sends a coded message to an unknown man and solves the mystery.
- * The Adventure of the Six Napoleons. Inspector Lestrade tells Sherlock about someone who is smashing plaster busts of Napoleon the First. Is it a dangerous lunatic? Will catching this man solve another crime? [Note the use of a false newspaper report.]
- * The Missing Three-Quarter. The rugby player for Cambridge has disappeared before a big game. Can he be traced by a sent telegram? Can a better detective than Holmes follow a clever suspect? Yes. The mystery is solved but kept secret.

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