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The House Of Silk: A Sherlock Holmes Novel





Synopsis

Sherlock Holmes is the greatest detective in literary history. For the first time since the death of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, a new Holmes story has been sanctioned by his estate, whetting the appetites of fans everywhere. Information about the book will be revealed as deliberately as Holmes himself would unravel a knotty case, but best-selling novelist and Holmes expert Anthony Horowitz is sure to bring a compelling, atmospheric story to life. With access to the estate's archives and careful study of the original stories, Horowitz is sure to weave a tale that satisfies new fans as well as the most dedicated Baker Street Irregular.

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Customer Reviews

A great, fun read. Really true to the characters from the Sherlock Holmes series. I enjoyed this as much as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's original stories. It does touch on a dark crime that no one would ever have written about in the 1800s, but the characters reacted in the manner you would have expected in a Sherlock mystery. This book satisfied my Sherlock fix since the PBS series ended (or is on hiatus).

Horowitz is a fine writer, imaginative and accomplished, and I fully enjoyed House of Silk as a Sherlock Holmes mystery (with a lot of Watson). I dinged the rating one star for two reasons: there is a lot of unnecessary gore here, some involving children and animals - I don't care for that; two, without giving away any of the plot, the ending is soft and unconvincing, given the amount of power the bad guys demonstrated throughout the book. I recommend it, though.

After just reading the compete works of Sherlock Holmes, I was hungry for more adventures. This piece echoes closely the style of the original works and attempts to draw connections between some of A.C.D.'s individual mysteries. The writing is more detailed and 2 mysteries are interweaved into one, which is more satisfying for modern readers who are also well familiar with crime television. I highly recommend this book, however, I do agree with another reviewer that this book is not for young readers...personally, I would not allow my son to read it until he has reached adulthood.

If this book were written like most Sherlock Holmes books it would have been a more interesting read. Watson give too much opinion, too many observations which gives away the climax before it happens. The editor should have made this a more concise read rather than letting it get bogged down in the details. Foreshadowing??? When does Watson ever foreshadow events. It could have been a 5 star book- so disappointing:(

A new Sherlock Holmes mystery from the man who brought us "Foyle's War?" Yes, please.I'm not a huge fan of fan fiction, but am not opposed to it generally. I've read some that was well done, some that was obvious satire, and some that belonged in the trash. This, though, was brilliant. The story felt very true to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's original work, if a tad darker in tone.

I have read with pleasure this new addition to the chronicles of Sherlock Holmes. The tempo, though slightly different, is exactly as I remember Holmes stories to be. Anyone wishing to revisit the twist and turns of this most famous detective should certainly read this book. This story is not for the faint of heart. It is a lot more modern in its rendition than Sir Arthur would have written but holds the suspense until the last, if not more graphic in its telling. Loved the book.

Mr Horowitz cooks up a foggy, horse-drawn London full of mystery and deceit. There is conspiracy and a satisfying ending. Like his Foyle character, Horowitz's Holmes reasons implacably. The eponymous House of Silk,, however, is a shallow straw man and hardly credible.

Horowitz was well-chosen to continue AC Doyle's famed detective in new adventures. It's a little 'darker' than Doyle's works, but a good mystery. Watson is spot-on in his 'voice' as he narrates the tale, and although the secret of the House of Silk was obvious several pages before the reveal, the author neatly intertwined two mysteries into a connected thread. Well-done, a worthwhile read.

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