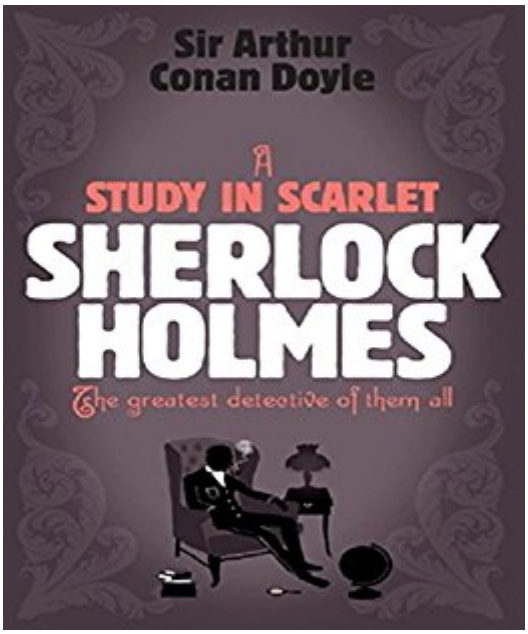
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Synopsis

The greatest detective of them all is back...'There's the scarlet thread of murder running through the colourless skein of life, and our duty is to unravel it, and isolate it, and expose every inch of it'.Arriving in the wilderness of London Dr John Watson finds himself lodging at 221b Baker Street with one Sherlock Holmes. A corpse has been discovered and scrawled in blood across the walls is the word RACHE - revenge. Watson, is baffled by the case but for Holmes the game is afoot...

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Customer Reviews

This book contains two short stories. The first one is where Dr. Watson (narrator) and Sherlock Holmes meet and work their first case together. The story isn't very good, but other reviews indicate this may not be the complete version and may have been butchered into a version that is not the equal of the original. The second story, about an old man and child who are found on the prairie is exceptionally good. Holmes and Watson do not appear until the end where a manhunt that began in the American west ends on a London street. The two stories off set to a medium rating. This kindle version has the first story in its table of contents, the second story is not recognized.

While I am certainly fond of this story, and the author, this review is related to this particular volume. STAY AWAY. It is poorly, poorly made. The book is MASSIVE in size, which makes no sense for such a short book. Most of the page space isn't even used, and there aren't even page numbers in it. It's like they spent five minutes putting it together and it's just a pathetic attempt to make money without putting in the slightest effort. An insult to both Holmes and his creator!

I bought this book after seeing a PBS special on Conan-Doyle's influence on forensic science. I taught that subject for a year to a group of high school students, so I know things such as "The Locard Exchange Principle." What I didn't know is that Locard himself, the acknowledged father of Forensic Science, freely acknowledged that Conan Doyle had actually come up with the idea first. The principle is that "whenever two objects come into contact, each leaves traces of itself on the other." Sherlock knew that, of course, and so did Locard. Now every criminal investigator has to know that. Imagine my delight to find out that Conan-Doyle is a first-class writer and storyteller! Woo-Hoo! His works range from dirt cheap to free, so I'd say grab one of these and read away. You won't be sorry!

Well worth a read for those who enjoy a well-plotted mystery. The language was a bit off-putting, although i read many novels of this period when in college a few decades back. Much fun to observe the relationship between Holmes and some authorities. I cringed at numerous, ah, condescending references to women. However, this taught me that much time can pass while some men today appear not to have caught up.

This is the first Sherlock Holmes book that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote. What makes it interesting to me is the juxtaposition of the parts involving Sherlock, which take place in London, and the one from the US showing the background of the crimes. Before reading this book, I did not know that Doyle had such a great understanding of the US, its culture and nature. I highly recommend it.

I am a Speech Language Pathologist. I work with adults who have aphasia-a communication disorder that sometimes impacts reading comprehension. I have an Aphasia Book Club. We just finished reading this book in our club. The book was interesting to the readers and we had a great time cataloging the clues as they were presented. A good and quick read. We read it in 5 weeks.

We read this as a Book Club selection- and everyone loved re-visiting Sherlock Holmes! So craftily presented, vivid imagery and characters- too good, vile, murderous, or smart to be real, STILL got you in their clutches and held you there until it was over- and left you thinking HOW did this all happen, and we not see it coming?! We were informed that this story changed how "clues" became paramount in solving crimes, and how gathering evidence (carefully) became/ changed how detective work was changed, and has remained somewhat the same today.

It was fascinating to read the first Sherlock Holmes novel. You learned how Holmes used deductive reasoning to solve his cases. Dr. John Watson was the narrator. How ironic that he was part of the British Army in Afghanistan and we're involved in the fighting there in 2015. Highly recommend this book to anyone who is currently enjoying the Masterpiece Series SHERLOCK with Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman.

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