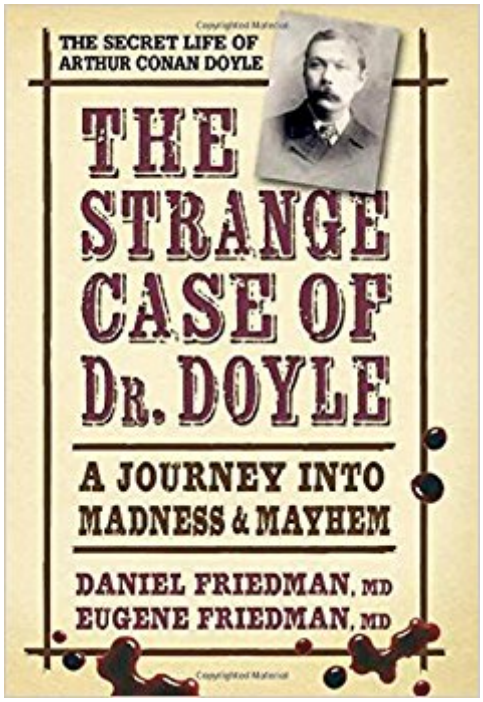
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I have an interest in both Sherlock Holmes mysteries and "true crime", whether recent or ancient. I bought this book on the recommendation of a friend who knows my interest in this kind of subject matter, but took a while to get to reading it. I have now finished it twice, and let me say the book is absolutely fascinating, The research that went into this book is beyond thorough (helped by the fact that it was written by two physicians). The fact that Scotland Yard’s crime museum cooperated with and assisted the authors means quite a lot. I never realized just how bizarre and larger than life Doyle was as a person, and the biographical portions of the book provide a plethora of heretofore unknown information. But I was equally impressed by the "tour" portion of the book, a fact-based fictionalization in which and older Doyle takes a group of crime enthusiasts and experts on an expedition to the sites and locales of the Jack the Ripper murder spree. The conclusions reached by the Friedmans are pretty shocking, but based on how their evidence leads the way, they are also hard to deny... I hope they write another book, perhaps about another (up-to-now) unsolved "true crime". I would be eager to see what they come up with next.

A well researched and documented novel is one that can be appreciated, enjoyed and remembered.

Such a novel is presented to the reader by Drs. Daniel and Eugene Friedman. Interlaced, one will find a biograhy of Sir Doyle, a history of London during the reign of Jack the Ripper and a detailed story that when you are finished your mind has been treated to "solved" mystery the likes of which Arthur Conan Doyle would be proud.

This is a great read for anyone interested into learning more about the creator of Sherlock Holmes. It gives a detailed biography of his life sandwiched between chapters dealing with a Doyle conducted tour of the Jack the Ripper crime scenes. A very riveting, page turning thriller!

Fun, compelling and well written.

Such an interesting and "cool" book. Never expected to get as drawn in as I did and the conclusions that are made were even more unanticipated. This book is a real page turner and the history/facts behind this "nonfiction" story are fascinating and actually really educational. Never really considered myself a historical fiction/true crime type of person, but I am now!

The reader comes to intimately know the man who was the never caught Jack the Ripper through historical facts + a fictional walk through the crimes. This provides more insight into the more than a century old unsolved horror a lone murderer inflicted on a region which baffled the masses and became lore. To attribute these acts to a noted writer of the time now seems obvious!

Great read! Excellently written with a very novel format. An interesting follow up would be to press the case against Dr. Doyle with the famed author in the. dock.

Tremendous read and very enjoyable. Recommend to both Sherlock Holmes fans and anyone who loves a mystery.

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