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This authorized sequel to The Hound of the Baskervilles follows Holmes and Watson as they track a menacing hound on Hampstead Heath and uncover a murder, a fanatical plot to overthrow the government, and a secret mission to protect the king. Reprint.

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Ilze says

What a fun book! Not only does it move faster than *The Hound of the Baskervilles* did, it's written in the same style and one is able to imagine all the things just the way they would've been in Holmes' day. Quite an original idea too, continuing a series of a well-known and well-loved author.

Barbara Bengston says

When I began reading the book, I had difficulty maintaining my interest in the story. After the first couple chapters I then began enjoying the story and would recommend it to any Sherlockian.

I have read other authors trying to mimic ACD, but they were usually miserable attempts and painful to read. Michael Hardwick does an excellent job in creating a similar atmosphere as ACD had done.

Alberta says

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Rena Sherwood says

Originally published in 1987, this is arguably Hardwick's best fiction book (or, at least, the best of the few I've read so far). Highly recommended for fans of Sherlock Holmes in the original stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle as opposed to any Holmes interpretation on the large or small screens.

Alex Bledsoe says

This Sherlockian pastiche was written back when the Doyle estate still held the copyright on Holmes, and had to okay any uses of the character. That approval operated as a kind of quality control that's now sadly lacking since Holmes moved into the public domain. As a result, Hardwick gets the most crucial thing right: it *sounds* like it could be a Doyle story, except in its length and complexity. The title is also a misnomer: the connection to the Hound of the Baskervilles is tangential at best. It's clearly not Doyle--for one thing, he never wrote a true Holmes novel, just longer serialized stories. And although the plot does pull together at the end, there are some extreme coincidences that are clearly author's conveniences. Still, a Sherlockian could do worse.

Rae says

Sherlock Holmes investigates a series of seemingly unrelated crimes which turn out to be linked to a conspiracy to unseat the British monarchy.

Ronald says

read some time in 1989

Patrick Ewing says

Excellent.

Erth says

now i am hooked. This was such a great, easy and creative book. i was hooked after the first page.

The characters were easy to fall in love with and follow, along with the story. the author made the mental visions so easy and vivid of the surroundings and the characters actions felt so real.

i would highly recommend this author and this book.

Robert Johnson says

I have not read a Sherlock Holmes book in many years, in fact the last book was The Hound of the Baskerville so the title pulled me in. Michael Hardwick was an excellent choice to pick up the mantel from Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Complicated and complex the story weaves separate threads together until the “game is afoot.” If you enjoy the adventures of Holmes and Watson, you will find this novel just right for you. Hardwick has done a masterful job.

David Vanness says

My copy is Largeprint Hardback with 444 pages,

Read1000books says

Nothing compares with the original, but still good.

Caitlin says

Certainly keeping an eye out for more of Hardwick's pastiches after reading this. Very enjoyable, fast paced, and even funny at times; the illustrations in my copy were gorgeously detailed.

Dan says

Boring.

There are many authors out there that attempt to keep the flame alive for Sherlock Holmes, sadly few know where to even look for the matches much less light the fire. This book falls into that category. If you are going to attempt to write a sequel of sorts to a classic like The Hound of the Baskervilles, you better have some big literary cajones. Sadly, Mr. Hardwick doesn't. My only solace in ready this book is that i did purchase it online, used, for only a couple of bucks. If i would have bought this new, you would be able to hear my sobs from your living room. If you want to venture outside the Conan Doyle canon to satisfy your Holmes fix, try Larry Millet or Alan Vanneman instead. Two great authors that have taken Sherlock Holmes and Watson to a new level. Stay away from this one.

Jen says

This has been in our collection for years. After all of my Sherlockian reading & viewing last year, this is admittedly the first non-Doyle piece I've deigned to touch. Now, I found reading about Sherlockians amusing (example: "The Sherlockian", read earlier this year). But reading a Holmes novel written from Watson's point of view in Doyle's style...insert hesitation here.

My fears would've been allayed if I'd read the author's info beforehand: "The late Michael Hardwick was the first man since Christopher Morley to be honored with the investiture of The Sign of the Four by the Baker Street Irregulars of America, one of the most prestigious honors possible for any Sherlockian. His novel 'Prisoner of the Devil' is considered by many to be the finest of all the Sherlock Holmes adventures written since Conan Doyle's death."

Yeah. I enjoyed it. The first third (or half) of it frustrated me to no end, most likely because I'm so used to the short-story formats of most of Doyle's works. But the payoff was worth it, and I could easily see this story made into a movie...even in the 70's style of the "Hound of the Baskervilles".
