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It is summer 1895 and a lost play by William Shakespeare is discovered. While being authenticated by scholars in Oxford there is a break-in at a college and the three hundred year old quarto is stolen. Holmes is engaged in the most unusual of circumstances and together with the faithful Dr Watson, they are soon on a trail which takes them from the Epsom Derby to Epping Forest and the great city of Florence itself. But this is not the only case brought to 221b Baker Street during this eventful year. Any number of singular problems demand Holmes' attention including the terrifying schemes of an injured army captain, a spate of strychnine poisonings and a dancing bear suspected of murder in the East End. What bearing do these seemingly unrelated adventures have on the search for the lost play? Who is the woman haunting Dr Watson and what is the mysterious Society of Lucius? With stilt walking chases, a swimming race across the River Thames and an explosion at the former site of Shakespeare's Globe, this is set to become Holmes' most dangerous and memorable adventure yet.

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From Reader Review Sherlock Holmes and the Jeweller of Florence for online ebook

Dale says

What a tangled web!

My thanks to Steve and Timi at MX Publishing for my review copy of this book! Cheers, dudes!

Professor Thaddeus Spenning comes to Baker Street over a newly discovered Shakespeare Play. A William Somerville brought the quarto of “The Jeweler of Florence” to Professor Spenning at Corpus Christi College, Oxford. There seems to be little doubt that the play is genuine. But any newly discovered play must be proven, and the discovery documented...

Then the play is stolen! There are strange people haunting Baker Street. Watson could swear that the ghost of Mary Morstan Watson walked by and glanced up at the window. A toothless old man wanders the street, smirking from time to time.

A curious box is delivered to 221B containing a severed human hand—and a functioning prosthetic! Captain Hercules Winter, who lost an arm and a leg in battle, comes to Baker Street with prosthetics made from metal replacing his lost limbs! The Captain seems to be deranged and his schemes could sink everything!

Then there is a rash of strychnine poisonings that leave a trail of victims in their wake. A man is murdered in Limehouse and Scotland Yard’s major suspect is a dancing bear! A woman named Florenza De Medici apparently stabs Duke Alberto Borgia to death to save a curio dealer named Tickler. Then there is the matter of Arthur Tickler’s unique curio shop... To top it all, whatever is going down has even shaken Mycroft Holmes from his usual haunts!

There is no shortage of suspects in the theft of the play. The play also contains a secret that could be three hundred years old. The players in the game have a goal of unlocking the secret and taking the spoils...

The action packed tale weaves in and out and just when the reader thinks he or she knows all about a certain character he or she may find themselves wrong...

I give this book five stars...

Quoth the Raven...

Nadine says

This has to be the book with the worst editing I’ve ever come across. There’s not a single page that doesn’t contain at least one mistake. Missing words, doubled words, paragraphs all wrong, missing punctuation etc. . . If I pay good money I expect a good and professional article. But this was really amateurish.

The less said about the story the better. I mean Holmes jumping into the Thames in his undergarments with

his hat still upon his head and his lit pipe still clenched between his teeth ... come on. Holmes and Watson felt totally out of character for most parts of the story. And there were so many bits that seemed to have no bearing on the story at all. Descriptions of landscapes, train rides, cab rides etc ... all needlessly dragging out the story. It was most annoying.

Maybe I missed something and this was supposed to be a parody.

One positive thing I want to mention is the writing: it's really rather beautiful and if the story had been stronger and there would not have been as many typos etc. I might have enjoyed this book.
