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Sherlock Holmes: A Double-Barreled Detective Story



Synopsis

Mark Twain is at his irreverent best with this hilarious parody of the 19th-century mystery. The tale begins with the murder of Flint Buckner and a heinous crime against a young woman. A man with special gifts—no less a personage than Sherlock Holmes!—enters the scene to solve the mystery and avenge the lady. He matches wits with an improbable villain, Archy Stillman, while Ham Sandwich and Wells Fargo look on, and almost gets himself hanged in the process. This novel is part of Brilliance Audio's extensive Classic Collection, bringing you timeless masterpieces that you and your family are sure to love.

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Customer Reviews

MARK TWAIN (1835-1910), was born Samuel Langhorne Clemens, was an American humorist, writer, and lecturer who is known and celebrated around the world. His many literary masterpieces include *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (1876), *The Prince and the Pauper* (1882), *Life on the Mississippi* (1883), and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (1885).

I purchased the audio version to listen to in the car. The reader was very good and entertaining. The story has typical Twain humor and is very engaging. Sherlock Holmes only appears toward the end and is vigorously lampooned by Twain. The story set-up to get to the point of lampooning Holmes and Doyle's writing took too long and had a major tangential wandering that was inconsequential to the story (a discussion of the literal meaning of a nonsensical prose paragraph). Overall, it was a worthwhile distraction given the talent of Twain. However, don't expect the story to get to Holmes

very soon. Read it as a Twain story, not as a Holmes pastiche.

As good a quick mystery as I could imagine, thanks. Revenge makes everyone dark, this can be retold often. I will use it.

I have to like it since it is always great to read Mark Twain any day. I don't feel that this story is to be ranked in with the best stories of Twain but that is only my opinion. I would hope all of us who still feel American Literature was defined by Twain's pen would consider reading and adding this piece to their collection. It is more than worth having.

Love Twain, this is an enjoyable quick read with a twinge of Dickens and of course A little Doyle. Classic Twain though. very entertaining!

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