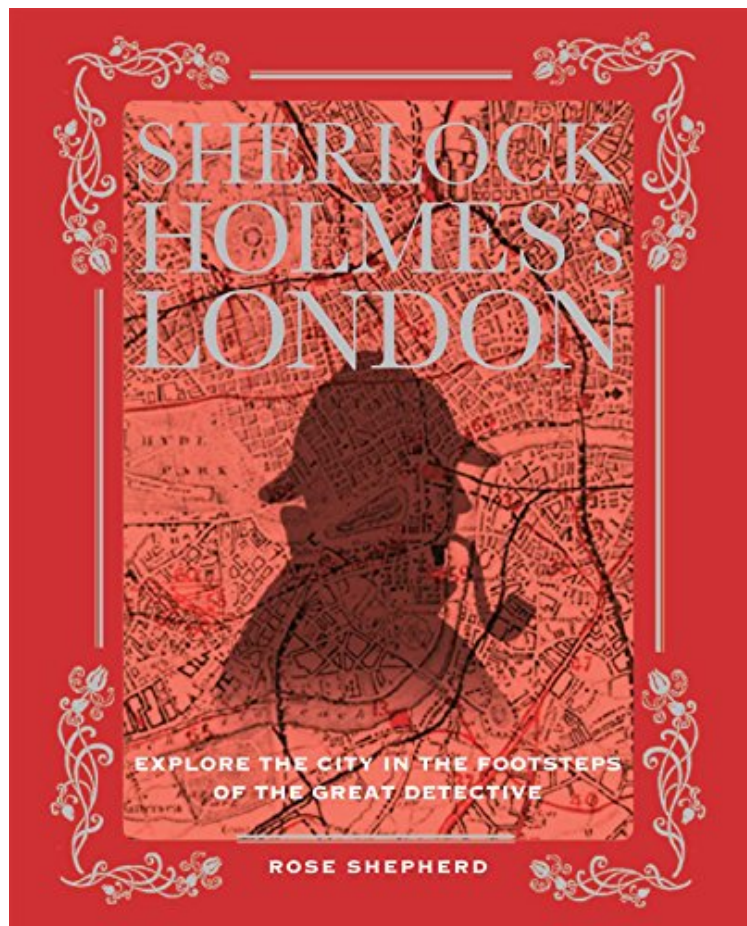


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1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy J. Hirsch Jr.Good companion volume to the stories.2 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Four StarsBy Peggy A. DorityExcellent guide.16 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Otherwise a great book, but some poor photo choices of actors representing Holmes and WatsonBy Holmes FanThis is a beautiful book, and the effort that has gone into producing it is impressive. I wish Id had this in hand during the two times Ive been able to visit London on my Holmes Pilgrimages, as it would have added to the enjoyment.This handsome volume is full of wonderful photos of old London from those times associated with Our Heroes, Holmes and Watson. I must complain, however, about the images of Holmes used to illustrate other

portions of the book. Apparently catering to the modern television viewer who has the wrong idea of who Sherlock Holmes was, this book is overloaded with pictures of Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman, when so many other illustrations of portrayers of Holmes and Watson could have been chosen instead. There is a common misconception that, just because their characters are named Holmes and Watson, Cumberbatch and Freeman are actually playing Holmes and Watson. They are not. They are no more Holmes and Watson than Dr. House or Monk was Holmes. Except for the same names and a few personality traits, the characters in the current BBC show are not Holmes and Watson. They are some alternate universe simulacrum, and not the real deal. In this book, the true Holmes, as drawn by Sidney Paget, is represented exactly once. Just once. Some very famous actors who have played Holmes, such as Basil Rathbone, Peter Cushing, and Douglas Wilmer, are not shown at all. Jeremy Brett is only shown twice, Robert Downey, Jr. twice, and the obscure Clive Brook once. But Benedict Cumberbatch, who has yet to actually play Holmes (although he will do so in a one-time special, probably to be shown in late 2015) is shown as Holmes six times. The same complaint stands for Watson. While Martin Freeman, playing a character named Watson, is shown three times, other more accurate portrayers are shown less. David Burke is shown just once (and Edward Hardwicke not at all!) Jude Law twice, and the very obscure H. Reeves Smith once. A number of other screen Watsons are ignored in order to overload the book with Freeman. Worst of all, the only representation of Mycroft Holmes is Mark Gatiss, who is the least likely Mycroft ever. And Speedy's Cafe has absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with Sherlock Holmes. I wanted to give this book five stars for the effort involved, as well as for the great job it did portraying the London of the true Holmes and Watson. But I'm taking away a star simply for the irritation I felt every time I ran across yet another picture of Cumberbatch and Freeman, purporting to be Holmes and Watson. I urge that, if future editions are published, a better balance of photos be chosen. Even after Cumberbatch and Freeman actually play Holmes and Watson for the very first time in late 2015, it will have only been for one episode, and there are many more important people to show.

Sherlock Holmes is one of the world's most famous detectives, but Sherlock would be nothing without 221B Baker Street, the West End and the crime-ridden streets of London. Indeed, you cannot talk about Sherlock Holmes and not immediately think about the wonderfully mysterious and foggy city that was London at the end of the nineteenth century, but more recent dramatizations such as the BBC's "Sherlock" have also created new interest in sites such as Barts Hospital and Speedy's Cafe. "Sherlock Holmes' London" is a guide to the areas of London featured in the original Sherlock Holmes' stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and also the newer locations featured in films and TV adaptations of his work. Each chapter covers an area of the city, from Westminster to the east-end docks, exploring the places in which Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson solved their mysteries, and elaborating on their geography, history and relevance to Sherlock Holmes' cases. With both old and contemporary photographs, illustrations, maps, posters, theater programs, and newspaper headlines, "Sherlock Holmes' London" offers an insight into the key role of the city in the life and work of Sherlock Holmes, from 1885 to the present day, and particularly investigates changing attitudes towards crime, punishment, and policing. Rose Shepherd merges anecdotes, quotations from the Sherlock stories, maps, and quirky historical facts in this wonderful guide that will have you itching to explore more of "Sherlock Holmes' London".

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