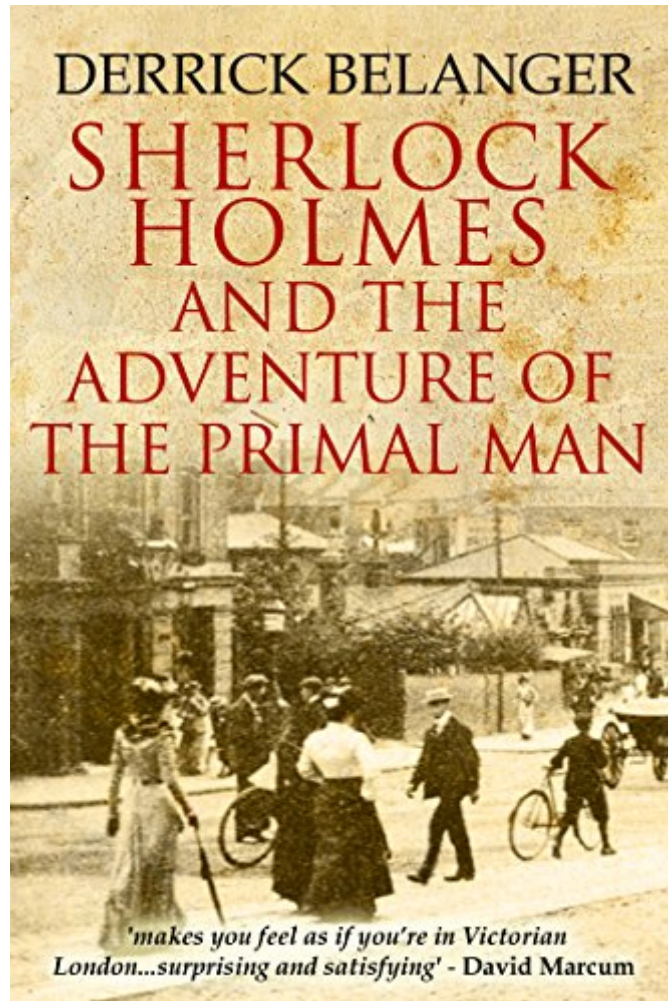


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Sherlock Holmes: The Adventure Of The Primal Man



Synopsis

London 1901. The city is in the grip of 'Monkey Man Mania'. Intrepid explorer, Drake Patterson has caused a media storm following his astonishing discovery of a frozen ancient man in the remote Himalayan mountains. This 'Primal Man' has been triumphantly transported back to England as proof of the 'missing link' in evolutionary theory. The upcoming auction of the specimen causes a stir amongst academics and the board of the British Museum. Whilst many are excited about bidding for this 'yeti', or 'mi-go', there are some with a more sceptical viewpoint. The story of the find just doesn't add up – neither does the fact that no one is prepared to insure the beast. Enter the great detective Sherlock Holmes and his loyal friend Dr Watson. Sherlock is in no doubt about the Primal Man's authenticity and takes great pleasure in enlisting the assistance of his cousin, Professor Ellington Dynamo to prove the case. The fraud investigation takes a dark turn when it becomes one of murder, and Sherlock's powers of deduction and skill are once again put to the test in this exciting adventure. Full of the skulduggery and surprises you would expect from a Sherlock story, and with the fearsome Professor Dynamo and his delightful inventions to boot, *The Adventure of the Primal Man* will not fail to please. "One thing is certain – nothing is as it seems, and Sherlock Holmes is the man to solve the case." David Marcum, author of *The Papers of Sherlock Holmes*, *Sherlock Holmes and A Quantity of Debt*, and *Sherlock Holmes – Tangled Skeins* "Noted Sherlock Holmes author, Derrick Belanger, has outdone himself again. – a creative tour de force full of mystery, murder, bullet-less guns and electric super-cars shaped like torpedoes." GC Rosenquist, author of *Sherlock Holmes: The Pearl of Death and Other Early Stories* "This excellent read from Derrick Belanger is sure to delight and enthrall, not only fans of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson, but will also excite and entertain the enthusiasts of general science fiction and Steampunk." Chuck Davis, author of *Phantoms of the Skies*, and the Sherlock Holmes short story "The Adventure of the White Bird" in *The MX Book of New Sherlock Holmes Stories*. "Sherlock Holmes, Doctor Watson and Professor Dynamo are together in one thrilling adventure!" Luke Kuhns, author of *Sherlock Holmes and The Scarlet Thread of Murder* and *The Untold Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* Derrick Belanger is an author and educator most noted for his books and lectures on Sherlock Holmes and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Both volumes of his two volume anthology *A Study in Terror: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Revolutionary Stories of Fear and the Supernatural* were #1 best sellers on the Sherlock Holmes book list, and his *MacDougall Twins with Sherlock Holmes* chapter book, *Attack of the Violet Vampire!* was also a #1 bestselling new release in the UK. Mr. Belanger's academic work has been published in *The Colorado Reading Journal* and *Gifted Child Today*. Mr. Belanger is also a teacher at Century Middle

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Customer Reviews

Sherlock Holmes: The Adventure of the Primal Man by Derrick Belanger My thanks to Georgina Cutler and the good folks at Endeavour Press for my Kindle copy of this book. Summer, 1901. An explorer named Drake Patterson has returned from an attempt to climb Mt. Everest with the supposed frozen remains of a primitive man. The body has been kept in a frozen state and there is to be an auction, the body going to the Museum or research center that wins the auction. Mr. Edward Huxley, PhD of the British Museum desires an inspection by Sherlock Holmes before the British Museum makes a fool out of themselves by purchasing what Huxley believes to be a fake. Joining Holmes and Watson at the pre-auction showing will be Holmes's cousin, Professor Ellington

Dynamo. I am certain that most readers will recognize Professor Dynamo in this slight disguise! Holmes, Watson, and Professor Dynamo are agreed that the body is a very poorly made fake. But William Merrick, a somewhat recent arrival at the museum believes it to be genuine, and he has a ring of supporters that could sway the vote in favor of the museum acquiring the "Primal Man." Then the body vanishes, leaving behind a dead policeman, a man who worked for Inspector Lestrade. This story has many attributes in its favor. It has the true ring of the original stories. It has Professor Dynamo, a big plus for any volume! There are elements of Holmes' travels in Tibet. There is mention of the things the people of the Himalayas usually show foreigners as relics of the Yeti. And there is a good villain and a fantastic showdown at the end! Really, who could ask for more? I give this wonderful little tale five stars PS: Readers of this book might like to read about the case of the Minnesota Iceman, a fake here in the States that is still argued over. Quoth the Raven |

Every time I read one of Derrick Belanger's Sherlock Holmes stories I think, "I wish I'd thought of that." I don't know where he gets his ideas, but I love (envy) them. I also love the way he withholds information from the reader, waiting until the very end to reveal what Holmes knows that we don't. Of course this is classic mystery writing and classic Doyle and I should expect it, but I'm always fooled anyway because he does it so well. Belanger's stories also evoke a strong sense of place, time, and culture, and I really enjoy that too. This one also has some cool technology in it, which adds extra spice. All in all, I really wish he'd quit his day job and give us more of these great adventures more quickly. A reader can wish, can't she? I received a copy of the book from the author in exchange for my honest review.

This was an underwhelming read. Although there were some twists and turns, the impression was more of this happened then that happened then this happened then that happened. There were enough nice touches to merit (barely) four stars but not a smidgen more.

I am a lover of the great fictional detective, Mr. Sherlock Holmes. These stories of adventures after the Strand publication are well written in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle style. Any Holmes advocate should enjoy these stories.

I loved the premise of this book - something highly scientific, something that the original Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Sherlock Holmes would have absolutely fallen upon. Derrick Belanger, however,

brings a slightly different tilt to the narrative, offering a much higher demand for narrative plot which is a welcome relief from someone like me who loves the originals, but finds them slightly stilted at times. I adored the clever Professor Dynamo - absolutely everything about that character just screams spin-off series, so let's hope that Belanger goes that direction! There's nothing to compare to this fantastic Sherlock Holmes novel, and few have ever been able to capture the tempo of his voice and the way that he thinks quite like Derrick Belanger has managed to. His expertise in Sherlock Holmes really shows, and for those who love him, this is a luxurious read to indulge in. If you don't, be prepared to discover a fantastic character.

Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of The Primal Man was the second Sherlock Holmes story of Derrick Belanger's that I have read. The first being the Adventure of the Peculiar Provenance. A "Missing Link" is brought back from the Himalayas and put on display for all to see. Holmes is brought in to prove it is a fake. But before the story is over there is murder and a true mystery to solve. One of my favorite parts of this story were getting to see development on Inspector Lestrade. You see Lestrade and Holmes coming to an understanding of where each other stands in regards to the law. Also you got some insight on what went on in Sherlock's life after Reichenbach. A little glimpse into his past. And finally tucked into the back of the book is one extra short story. The Tale of the First Adventure. It is a story told by Holmes to Watson about a case he solved while still a child. It is a nice little self contained story in which Holmes learns for the first time that sometimes the whole truth is best left unrevealed. Very well written on Derrick's part.

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