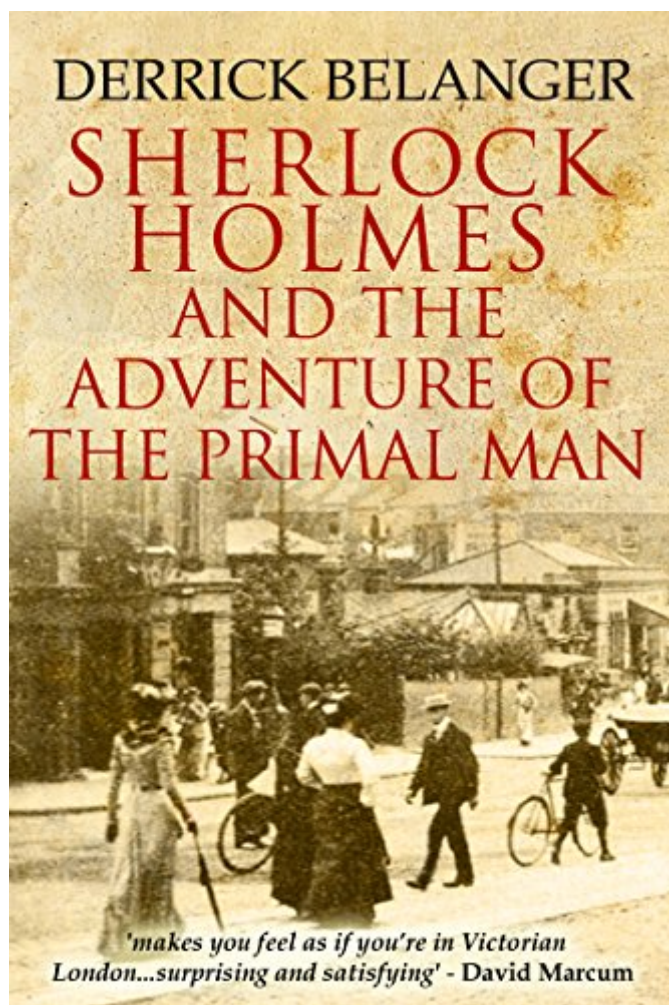


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Sherlock Holmes: The Adventure Of The Primal Man



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.

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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

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Customer Reviews

Primal Man is basically the Peltdown Man hoax transported to Holmesian London with some extra stuff stuffed in. It reads somewhat like a Holmesian story, but there doesn't seem to be clues left for the readers to figure out, as Holmes was basically finding stuff and narrating them as he went ahead of everyone else. Intrepid explorer Drake Patterson had discovered a frozen ancient man dubbed "Primal Man" in the remote Himalaya mountains, and brought back to London England in 1901, for an exhibit in London as "proof" of the missing link in the theory of evolution, then to be auctioned off.

Sherlock Holmes, Dr. Watson, and Holmes' distant cousin, Professor Ellington Dynamo went to check the authenticity of the beast and found it to be fake. Just as the results were presented, they were told that the Primal Man had been stolen, and one of the three inspectors guarding it had been killed. Who would steal a fake artifact and kill a policeman in the process? I had problems with the final villain's exposition. While the plot is fine, motivation was a bit iffy, and their origins even sketchier. As not to spoil the ending, I think I'll stop here. In the end, I find myself liking the story more than I hate it. Thus, 4 stars, but it's more like 3.5/5

In need of better editing. Missing and misspelled words are annoying or, even worse, cause the reader to lose the tread of the narrative. In one instance, the name of a character being discussed was used instead of correctly naming the speaker. I found myself reading with a pen near to hand. There are a number of latter-day Sherlockian tales better than this one. The illustrations were a nice touch and the cover was enticing.


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 have to say that this was one of the best Sherlock Holmes pastiches that I have read, and I read a lot of them. It was very much in the Conan Doyle style. At times it was amusing. I really enjoyed the respect that Lestrade had for Holmes in this story. Two thumbs up.

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.

A bit uneven.

Love all of Sherlock Holmed

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's 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

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