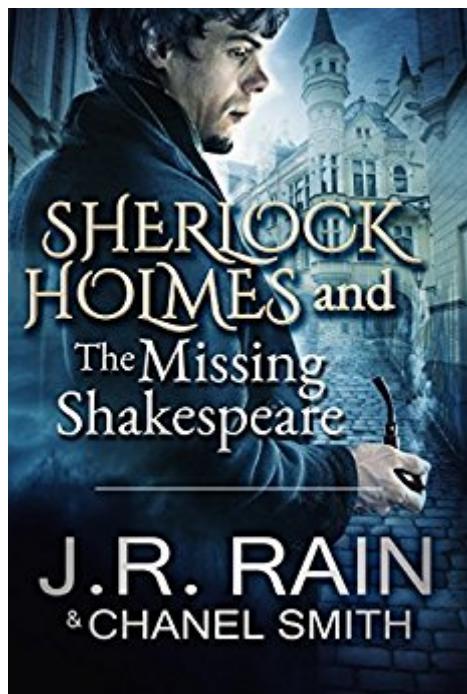


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Sherlock Holmes And The Missing Shakespeare (The Watson Files Book 1)



Synopsis

Bestselling author, J.R. Rain, has been delighting fans with his Samantha Moon vampire mysteries for nearly a decade. Now, he sets his sights on the world's most famous detective, Sherlock Holmes! Sherlock Holmes, legendary sleuth of Victorian London, is asked to authenticate the work of what appears to be a long lost Shakespearean play. Alas, just as the famed detective is about to announce his conclusion, the manuscript is stolen - and the chase is on to locate and recover it...As Sherlock Holmes and his trusted sidekick, Dr. John Watson, begin to unravel the mystery of the missing play, their investigation leads them on a convoluted but logical path. But the closer they come to the missing play, the more their lives are endangered. Now, as the clever pair of investigators become the pursued, can Holmes and Watson locate and recover the missing Shakespeare play without dying at the hands of a diabolical killer?

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Customer Reviews

I don't have any major complaints about this first Holmes effort other than the fact that the 100% is actually only 85%. The last 15% is a sample of other work by this author. Since samples are pretty much already available I feel that they should not be included in the number of a book's pages.

Sherlock Holmes and the Missing Shakespeare is a decent pastiche about solving a case of a missing manuscript by the great bard that turned out to be much more. While the writing generally sounds vaguely Holmesian, there is just something not quite there, perhaps Holmes is too smug, or Watson too idiotic, that somehow grated me. To recap, Sherlock Holmes was asked to authenticate a manuscript that appears to be the work of the William Shakespeare himself. But just as Holmes was about to announce the results, the script was stolen from the Baker street flat! As Holmes track down the culprit, he and Watson learned that Bard's work is merely but one aspect of this case, and it has links to unexplained deaths of an entire family, husband, wife, and two children. The official story was the husband strangled his wife for no reason, butchered both children, then hung himself with sudden insanity the only reason... or is it? The mystery was setup quite well, but there doesn't seem to be enough clues dropped before hand so the readers could have figured it out themselves.

It had its share of Sherlockian twists, but something was missing. I don't know if it was the relationship between Sherlock and Dr. Watson that seemed different somehow. Or the pace of the story. It was a bit convoluted as most Holmes stories can be, I mean who can second guess Sherlock. Watson's wife must be a saint to put up with him gallivanting all over with Sherlock, but presumably she knew what she was getting into.

Editing, proof readying and format--all three were not well done. In addition, Arthur Conan Doyle has nothing to fear for this reputation. The plot(s) of this book were all over the place-hard to follow at times. Also, the by-play between Holmes and Watson tended to go beyond annoying to aggravating.

An okay read but not stellar.

Being a fan of Sherlock, Elementary and J R Rain's books, I had to buy this book. He never fails to please. So it was with this one. The characters in it grab you from the start and spin a story you cannot put down. Definitely read this!!!

The plot was okay. The writing was for a juvenile level and was not as refined as I am used to.

This story absolutely keeps with the traditional Sherlock works. I loved the mystery and intrigue. Sherlock always keeps you guessing. I can't wait to read book two.

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