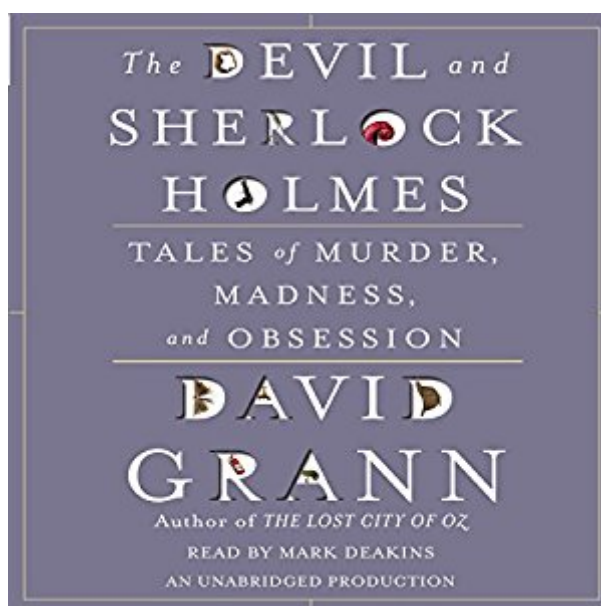


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The Devil And Sherlock Holmes: Tales Of Murder, Madness, And Obsession



Synopsis

Acclaimed New Yorker writer and author of the breakout debut bestseller *The Lost City of Z*, David Grann offers a collection of spellbinding narrative journalism. Whether he's reporting on the infiltration of the murderous Aryan Brotherhood into the U.S. prison system, tracking down a chameleon con artist in Europe, or riding in a cyclone-tossed skiff with a scientist hunting the elusive giant squid, David Grann revels in telling stories that explore the nature of obsession and that piece together true and unforgettable mysteries. Each of the dozen stories in this collection reveals a hidden and often dangerous world and, like *Into Thin Air* and *The Orchid Thief*, pivots around the gravitational pull of obsession and the captivating personalities of those caught in its grip. There is the world's foremost expert on Sherlock Holmes who is found dead in mysterious circumstances; an arson sleuth trying to prove that a man about to be executed is innocent; and sandhogs racing to complete the brutally dangerous job of building New York City's water tunnels before the old system collapses. Throughout, Grann's hypnotic accounts display the power—and often the willful perversity—of the human spirit. Compulsively readable, *The Devil and Sherlock Holmes* is a brilliant mosaic of ambition, madness, passion, and folly. From the Hardcover edition. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

I like the way Mr Grann writes. Details and history without being boring. I learned so much from these mini stories i would have never know without reading this book. Was fun

Well written and very easy to read. Interesting stories but none have satisfying closure. There are updates on some of the stories, but they, too, are not particularly satisfying. The storytelling is a bit formulaic, like his other books, bouncing between present and past.

Good good.

Excellent read!

I really enjoy Mr. Grann's writing style and choice of subject matter.

Inspired by a review on Galleycat, and being a devoted fan of Sherlock Holmes, I purchased this book with eager anticipation. I have mixed feelings about it because I really did want more of Sherlock Holmes. Only the first story deals with the famous detective, but I already knew that from the review I'd read. However, the book is riveting adventure reading. An acclaimed New Yorker staff writer, David Grann does not disappoint when it comes to giving the reader electrifying reading material. This is a magnificent collection of spellbinding true stories about murder, madness, and the kind of obsession that grips the human psyche. Sherlock Holmes once said that "life is infinitely stranger than anything the mind of man could invent." David Grann leads the investigation in a true spirit of discovery as he sets out to solve a dozen real-life mysteries. The stories are unforgettable, as are the true characters that populate them. Entertaining and compelling!

David Grann is a fantastic writer of fascinating true stories. Read it. Once you start a story you won't want to do anything but read until you finish it.

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