

On the Trail of Sherlock Holmes

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Stephen Browning's fun travel book *On the Trail of Sherlock Holmes* traipses through the haunts of the beloved sleuth.

With maps and descriptions of many of the places mentioned in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's stories, this detailed guide is broken down into multiple, approximately timed walking tours. Black-and-white photographs make it possible to experience the walks, even sitting at home, far from London.

Browning's exhaustive knowledge of all things Sherlock leads to details concerning which theater Holmes and Watson saw which opera in, and what sights Watson would have seen on a drive described in one of the stories. Browning also corrects erroneous perceptions: in the original stories, Holmes never utters the phrase "Elementary, my dear Watson," and he never wears a deerstalker hat.

Though it's perfect for Holmes fans, this is an enjoyable guide even for those with only a passing interest in the character. Its descriptions of landmarks and London history are captivating, as is the final chapter, about Holmes places outside of London. In addition, there's a humorous entry in the voice of John Watson, background provided on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and a history of Holmes in film and on stage.

On the Trail of Sherlock Homes is an entertaining guide to locations and lore related to fiction's greatest detective.

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