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"It is my business to know what other people don't know."

—The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle

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Man in India Arrested on Suspicion of Murder ...after wife dies from cobra bite in Kerala

Submitted by: **SOB Margaret Nelson**, who adds, *"It's almost the 'Speckled Band!' Thought you would find this interesting. Spoiler Alert: This is the second time he tried it!"*

Source: [Sky News](#), **Tom Gillespie**, news reporter, May 26, 2020, 7:04 AM PDT

A man has been arrested on suspicion of murder after his wife was bitten by a cobra in her sleep, police have said. The suspect, named as Sooraj, allegedly kept the highly venomous snake in a glass bottle before throwing it at his partner Uthra on 6 May as she slept.

Police added Sooraj, who is said to be 27, had tried to killed his 25-year-old wife with a viper in March but she recovered in hospital. The couple, whose full names have not been reported by police or Indian news outlets, lived in the southern state of Kerala.

Uthra was reportedly staying at her parents' home in the city of Kollam when Sooraj visited her allegedly with the cobra hidden in a glass bottle. Hari Sankar, the district police chief of Kollam Rural Police in Kerala, said the force has the bottle and will use it as evidence.



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Our 2020 Writing Contest

"Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Uninvited Guest"

Have you forgotten that you are under a deadline here? You have until *only* November 1 to submit your entry for **our 2020 Writing Contest**! Your closets and drawers must *already* be cleaned out by now! It's time to get to it!!



Friend of The SOBs & Artist Julian Epps has already created your book cover for you—the title, *"Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Uninvited Guest."*

What more can we do for you?

Your Contest Entry may be in one of two (2) categories, or in both:

Category 1: In 200 words or less, give us a believable plot and how Holmes will solve it!

Category 2: In 200 words or less, introduce the "Uninvited Guest" to us and have him/her/them hook Holmes into taking his/her/their Case!

Contest Judge Lauran Stevens continues to invite your contest entries...though you've already lost in the "First Entry In" category! Her snail-mail address is:

320 West Roy Street, Apt. 207 Seattle, WA 98119. Or, email your Word file to

Editor Terri at: terri@soundofthebaskervilles.com.

☞ Zoom Meeting: Sunday, September 20 ☜

12:00 (Noon) to 12:30 p.m. Pacific time—Free-form chatting and visiting!!

12:30 p.m. Pacific time—Structured meeting with Quiz & Discussion of “The Adventure of the Empty House”



SOB Program Chair Sunny Even’s Take on EMPT: Imagine yourself in 1903, a reader of *The Strand Magazine*. Last year’s serialization of “The Hound of the Baskervilles” was thrilling, but as a one-off retrospective, in the end it aroused feelings of wistfulness rather than satisfaction. Ten years have passed since the Great Detective died—you’ve left your Reichenbach grief in the Victorian Era, and moved on to a new century. Now you’re hearing at the newsstand that Sherlock Holmes has returned from the dead?! How can this be? You eagerly seize a copy and scan the cover. Hmm, for such a momentous event, the title *“The Adventure of the Empty House,”* sounds kind of boring, even anticlimactic, but of course, it’s the opposite. Sir Arthur won’t disappoint! This unassuming title debuts the exhilarating continuation of more adventures, and sweeps you back to the world of ghostly gas lamps and hansom cabs in swirling fog, where it is always 1895.



“I moved my head to look at the cabinet behind me. When I turned again, Sherlock Holmes was standing smiling at me across my study table. I rose to my feet, stared at him for some seconds in utter amazement, and then it appears that I must have fainted for the first and the last time in my life. Certainly a gray mist swirled before my eyes, and when it cleared I found my collar-ends undone and the tingling after-taste of brandy upon my lips. Holmes was bending over my chair, his flask in his hand.

“My dear Watson,” said the well-remembered voice, “I owe you a thousand apologies. I had no idea that you would be so affected.”

Grab Your Brandy and Give SOB Charlie Cook’s “Empty House” Quiz a Go!

1. What was Ronald Adair’s father’s title and what position did he hold?
2. To what three clubs did Ronald Adair belong?
3. What disguise did Holmes use when he “returned from the grave” to meet Watson?
4. What name did Holmes use when living as a Norwegian explorer?
5. On what topic did Holmes do research while in France?
6. Name the empty house of this story’s title?
7. Who moulded the bust of Holmes and where was he from?
8. Holmes named and then described the man who spotted him in London. Your turn!
9. Holmes credited Lestrade for his fairly well handling of what case?
10. Who shot the bust of Holmes and with what weapon, and how did Holmes describe him?
11. Who designed the weapon and how was he described?
12. In Holmes’s biographies under “M”, three names other than his two main enemies were given. Name and describe them!

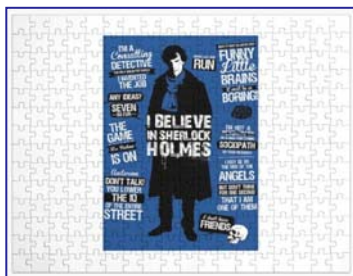
Answers may be found on Page 8

SOB Kris Hambrick’s *Sherlock on Screen*: “The Empty House”

If you are going to kill off your bread and butter, it’s going to be necessary to resurrect him. We are very fortunate that Arthur Conan Doyle decided to do so, and adaptations are perhaps even more so, given the scope of emotional drama and suspense the reveal and reunion can hold. Thus, many have attempted it, and interestingly, the common thread is an emotional response from the bereaved Dr. Watson. **Continued on Page 8**

Things to See, Buy, Do & Know

⇒ **SOB Sonia Fetherston, BSI, tells us:** The artists' website, [Redbubble.com](https://www.redbubble.com), has just launched **A BEAUTIFUL COLLECTION OF SHERLOCKIAN-INSPIRED JIGSAW PUZZLES**. There are (I'm guessing) about 40 or 50 different designs, something for everybody. I've bought several things from Redbubble and they're always good quality, plus proceeds from



your purchase go to the artist who created the product. Really nice! (Ed. Note: Puzzle images appear to be traditional and "Sherlock" based—per examples shown—and most run \$30 apiece.)



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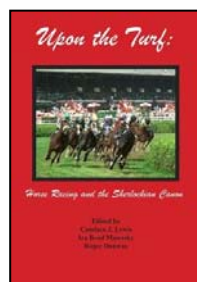
⇒ **From Jean Upton of the London Society's District Messenger: THE BAKER STREET IRREGULARS HAVE THREE ADDITIONAL TITLES:**

- **Manuscript Series: The Worst Man in London** ("Charles Augustus Milverton") a facsimile of the original manuscript with annotations and commentary edited by Daniel Stashower and Constantine Rossakis. 200 pp HBK \$39.⁹⁵ plus shipping.

- **Professions Series: Education Never Ends: Educators, Education and the Sherlockian Canon** edited by Marino C. Alvarez and Timothy S. Greer. Teaching, learning, education, and educators are all integral parts of the Canon. This book encompasses the entire field, providing an informative yet entertaining survey of the topic. 224 pp HBK \$39.⁹⁵ plus shipping.

- **Upon the Turf: Horse Racing and the Sherlockian Canon** edited by Candace J. Lewis, Ira Brad Matetsky, and Roger Donway. Horse racing, gambling, debt, scandal, and murder are all major threads in the Canonical tapestry. 216 pp PBK \$25.⁹⁵ plus shipping.

✓ Save on shipping when you order 2 or more books. <https://bakerstreetirregulars.com/tag/books/>



⇒ **East-Bay CA SOB Ann Deusenberry alerts us:** I've found a woman named Bernadette Banner on YouTube, who specializes in historical dress/reconstruction/sewing/study up to the late 1800s, or whenever the modern sewing machine was invented. I'm watching her videos about her **PROJECT CREATING A LADY SHERLOCK HOLMES OUTFIT, RIGHT DOWN TO THE HAND-SEWN UNDER-** ✂

GARMENTS. Here's the link to the first video designing the project: <https://youtu.be/YALqW15PVtQ>. It's incredibly painstaking! I suggest turning on the captions, as they occasionally have witty asides that are quite charming. Happy viewing!

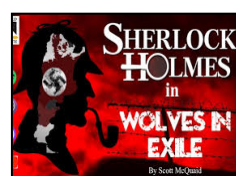
⇒ **SOB Margaret Nelson saw this:** Perseverance, a robotic wheeled vehicle designed to look for signs of past life on Mars, lifted off from Cape Canaveral on July 30 at 7:50 a.m. Eastern time. @ New York Times July 31 reporting had a few pages on the new "Perseverance Mars Rover." It has a robotic arm that has a "hand" to carry tools. **ONE TOOL IS CALLED "SHERLOC" (SPELLED WITH NO 'K') THAT WILL BE SEARCHING FOR MINERALS AND ORGANIC MOLECULES WHILE ON MARS** and in conjunction with other instruments on the Perseverance, searching for signs of life. @ The Atlas 5 rocket lofted the spacecraft away from Earth on a trajectory to arrive at Mars in 6 & 1/2 months. It follows July's earlier launches by the UAE and China. While Perseverance is last to leave, all three missions should arrive at the red planet at about the same time, in February 2021.

⇒ **News from Writer, Director, Producer & SOB John Longenbaugh:** A new independent (that also means low budget) film we shot in July, **"PERCY AND REGGIE AND THE GREAT PARISIAN AIR EXPLOSION,"** WILL HAVE ITS PREMIERE ON SEPTEMBER 12TH as part of the *Virtual Brass Screw*, which is taking the place of the regular *Brass Screw Confederacy*. Check in with them for full details. @ While Percy and Reggie have no direct dealings with the sleuth of Baker Street, they met him once at a garden party and spilled some prosecco on him. If you're interested in seeing what they managed to do next, check our website for upcoming details (battlegroundproductions.org) on the premiere of this original 30 minute film.



Ed. Note: *The Brass Screw Confederacy* is based in Port Townsend, WA, a seaport dating to Victorian times "that lives Steampunk year-round!" Their June 8, 2020 *Virtual Brass Screw* was "postponed in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and the need to focus on social justice." **Their new date is September 12!**

⇒ **Received at our Website: POP UP THEATRE PRESENTS**



"SHERLOCK HOLMES IN WOLVES IN EXILE," the 3rd installment in their original podcast plays following the Great Detective in true-life crimes, mixing fact and fiction; available on Spotify, Apple podcasts, and YouTube.

YouTube link is: www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOMo_tQ-MPU. For more: popuptheatre237@gmail.com.

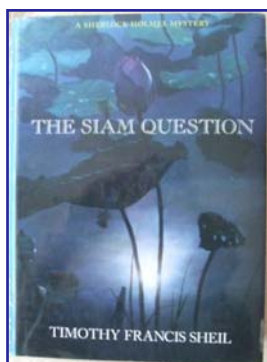
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A One Minute Book Referral

By: SOB Charlie Cook

"The Siam Question, A Sherlock Holmes Mystery" by Timothy Francis Sheil

Publisher: Camden House Publishing Limited;
1st UK Edition, 1st Printing edition (1999)



Housed in a very bland box is one of the most beautiful books in my considerably large Sherlockian library, which I bought way back in 1999. Due to the 603 page size and my many obligations before retirement it remained unread until the era of the quarantine.

Now having finally absorbed this marvelous volume concerning Holmes' adventures during the Great Hiatus and several more after his return, I ventured to write a review. However, two things have prevented me from doing this.

First, the book may have been reviewed for "Twaddle" before my becoming a member; and second, there is no way I could ever improve on the wonderful review provided by Sherlockian anthologist and BSI Member, Charles Prepolec. I urge all my SOB colleagues to Google 'Timothy Francis Sheil' and click on the reviews indicated. Mr. Prepolec's is the first and a very thorough review it is. Click on Mr. P's name to learn of his Sherlockian contributions.

Ed. Note:

- Here is a link to the review by Charles Prepolec that Charlie Cook refers to:
[5.0 out of 5 stars A First Rate Pastiche featuring Holmes during the Hiatus](#) Reviewed in the United States on August 9, 2000
- A link to Charles P's very detailed bio can be found within the above review by clicking on his name, then on that next page, read down the left-hand side under "About", then continue by clicking "Read more."
- A somewhat different Charles P bio can be found at:
https://www.amazon.com/Charles-Prepolec/e/B002B08010%3Fref=dbs_a_mng_rwt_scns_share
- Here is a link to Amazon where you will find that 1st Editions are still available! <https://www.amazon.com/Siam-Question-Sherlock-Holmes-Mystery/dp/0953816001>

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⇒ Peter Blau's Scuttlebutt from the Spermaceti Press notes:

- Titan is continuing its series of MANGA GRAPHIC NOVELS OF THE BBC'S "SHERLOCK" SERIES (illustrated by Jay); the latest is "A Scandal in Belgravia: Part One" (\$12.⁹⁹), and you can see samples at: <https://comicsworthreading.com/2020/02/20/sherlock-a-scandal-in-belgravia/>
- THE WEBSITE "CASEBOOK: JACK THE RIPPER"—www.casebook.org—offers items of Sherlockian interest, such as a "Sherlock: From Adler to Amberley" podcast that is working its way through the 56 short stories; Karl Coppack is the host for one-hour interviews with authors and experts who include Les Klinger ("The Five Orange Pips") and Bonnie MacBird ("The Speckled Band").
- Central Piedmont Summer Theatre (Charlotte, NC) HELD A VIRTUAL PERFORMANCE OF "SHERLOCK HOLMES" in June. Featuring a cast of students from the Central Piedmont Drama Department and alums, you can watch it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzTxJFgk1hc>
- USA Today had a "first look" story in June about THE NEW "ENOLA HOLMES" FILM, OVERTAKEN BY THE NEWS THAT THE CONAN DOYLE ESTATE LTD. (CDEL) HAS FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST JUST ABOUT EVERYONE WHO HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE FILM, alleging it infringes on the CDEL's copyright on the few remaining Canonical stories not yet in the public domain. The CDEL's brief statement about the lawsuit is available on-line at: conandoylees.tate.com/news/enola-holmes. @ The complaint says that Doyle, after his brother and son died in World War I, felt that "it was no longer enough that the Holmes character was the most brilliant rational and analytical mind. Holmes needed to be human. The character needed to develop human connection and empathy." Thus a Holmes that demonstrates friendship and emotion is an infringement on stories still protected by copyright, according to the CDEL. @ The film, scheduled to air on Netflix in September, is based on six novels by Nancy Springer published from 2006 to 2010.
- Steve Doyle's video podcasts—"THE FORTNIGHTLY DISPATCH FROM THE BAKER STREET IRREGULARS"—for the BSI continue at YouTube; go to: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=baker+street+irregulars+podcast to find interviews with Sherlockians Ray Betzner, Bob Katz, Carlina de la Cova, Les Klinger, and Denny Dobry.



From Victorian Sleuth to TV Favourite: *Sherlock* New Holmes Stamps Now Available

Britain's Royal Mail celebrates the world famous detective on the 10th anniversary of the modern-day adaptation of the Holmes mysteries.

Featuring images from the BBC series *Sherlock*, the 10 commemorative stamps all contain secret details only UV light will reveal. Arthur Conan Doyle's beloved stories are some of the enduring from the Canon of British literature and the BAFTA winning series got a whole new generation hooked on the tangled tales.

Six character stamps featuring Benedict Cumberbatch, Martin Freeman, Amanda Abbington and Andrew Scott are now available, along with four presented as a mini-sheet exploring other stories from books.

Sherlock producer, Sue Vertue, said: "We are terribly proud of our *Sherlock* TV series and now are ridiculously excited about these Royal Mail stamps. I'm going to immediately book a UK holiday so I can send all my friends postcards using them."

Philip Parker, Royal Mail, said: "We celebrate the enduring fascination with the world's most famous fictional detective—Sherlock Holmes."



Postcards

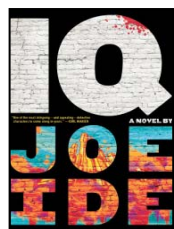
Full Sheet

⇒ **TO ORDER YOUR SHERLOCK STAMPS.** Go to the link below and then decide which of the **29 options** you want to buy. Whew! <https://shop.royalmail.com/special-stamp-issues/sherlock>.

Ed. Note: Prices seem to vary from a low of just under £5 to a high of £110.

Snoop Dogg to adapt Joe Ide's 'IQ' series for television

As seen on The SOBs Facebook Postings, June 13, 2020



American rapper Snoop Dogg will executive produce the TV adaptation for Ide's award-winning series of crime novels through his Snoopadelic Films production company.

"House of Lies" duo Matthew Carnahan and Theo Travers will serve as creators and executive producers on the series, while American filmmaker and Hidden Empire Film Group founder Deon Taylor is rumored to be set to direct the yet-untitled project.

Alcon Television Group CEOs Broderick Johnson and Andrew Kosove as well as Atlas Entertainment's Charles Roven and Alex Gartner will also act as executive producers on the forthcoming series.

While casting for the TV adaptation of "IQ" has yet to be revealed, Robert Amidon of Atlas Entertainment and Ted Chung of Snoopadelic Films have been announced as producers for the show.

"Snoop once said, 'I'm looking for a deal from one of your TV networks to give Snoop Dogg his own hood TV show where I can find America's hottest hood artists.' I'm thrilled he got his wish," Los Angeles-based author Joe Ide said in a statement to The Bookseller.

The "IQ" series finds Ide putting a spin on **Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes** novels through his eponymous hero, **African-American private detective Isaiah Quintabe, better known as IQ**, who operates out of the same part of Long Beach, California, that produced Snoop Dogg.

The first installment of the "IQ" series, entitled "IQ," was published in 2016, and received the Shamus Award, the Anthony Award and the Macavity Award. The series of crime novels also includes "Righteous," "Wrecked" and, most recently, "Hi Five," which was published on January 28 via Mulholland Books.

The latest installment of the series follows IQ as he is asked by loathsome arms dealer Angus Byrne to prove the innocence of his only daughter, Christiana, before she is arrested for the murder of his right-hand man. The case becomes complicated when it is revealed that Christiana suffers from multiple personality disorder, meaning that IQ has to find a way to interview all of her five personalities to point to a definitive killer.

Source: <https://news.yahoo.com/snoop-dogg-adapt-joe-ides-iq-series-television-114854329.html>

See more on Author Joe Ide's "IQ" book series on Page 6

Author Joe Ide's Mysteries to be Adapted for TV

Award-Winning Series to be Executive Produced by Snoop Dogg's Company

See also Article on Page 5

"I'm so very excited about (the upcoming TV adaptation of Joe Ide's award-winning series)! If you haven't read the 'IQ' books, I highly recommend them!"

—VP Kashena Konecki, SOBs' Facebook Administrator

4 Reasons Why Joe Ide's IQ Series is a Must-Read

By Jamie Canavés

Source: <https://www.novelsuspects.com/novel-suspects/joe-ide-books-iq-series/>

I first heard about Joe Ide's novel, IQ, when the rights for a TV adaptation sold, which happened a year before the novel was published! I am always interested in reading a book that can get the movie/TV industry betting on it before they even know the reading audience's interest. Clearly, the work must have an amazing concept, or story, or really strong characters that producers are certain will be a hit. In the case of IQ, it turns out it had it all, and it was a really smart bet. If you're new to Joe Ide's IQ series, here are four things that make it a must-read.

1. It's All About Deductions, My Dear Watson

Isaiah Quintabe (IQ) is an unlicensed private detective in East Long Beach who takes cases mostly from members of his community and accepts payment in the form of whatever they can afford, chickens included. He isn't wealthy, he doesn't have friends that work in labs, he doesn't lift fingerprints or test for DNA; he's just gifted in being observant. He notices what most people don't pay attention to or process to connect to other things. It's always a delight to read a mystery that relies on deducing, something the reader can easily play along with. Like yes, yes that mustard stain on his shirt clearly meant he was eating a hot dog and not skydiving! Or, you know, written better by an actual mystery writer. It feels too easy sometimes when technology can just spit out the suspect's name or connect someone to the crime.

2. The Importance of Setting

Setting matters in every novel, but it especially matters if you're going to represent an ethnically diverse community. And it's even more important if that community deals with crime regularly. A lot of times, places are written about from an outside lens that shows a stereotypical picture that does harm. Ide instead brings East Long Beach to life as a community filled with real people and their backstories and lives, rich and far from caricatures or stereotypes. It also leaves room for so many stories to be told by the community and its members that I really hope to get to know many

of IQ's neighbors over the course of the series.

3. A Character That Stays With You Long After Reading

I kept thinking about this series while I binge-watched Netflix's *On My Block*—a coming-of-age story about teens in an inner-city L.A. neighborhood. I couldn't stop imagining IQ helping Jamal with his treasure hunt. Or, actually, it probably would have been Jamal driving IQ bananas in trying to force him to help him find the treasure. Any character that stays with me, that my brain starts pairing with unrelated things, is always a testament to the strength of how well that character was written. They've clearly been brought to life in such a manner that I carry them with me and want to see them continue to do their thing while I wait for more novels. So what I'm saying is that IQ is a fantastic character who comes to life from the page and feels completely real.

4. The Series Just Started So You Can Easily Catch-up!

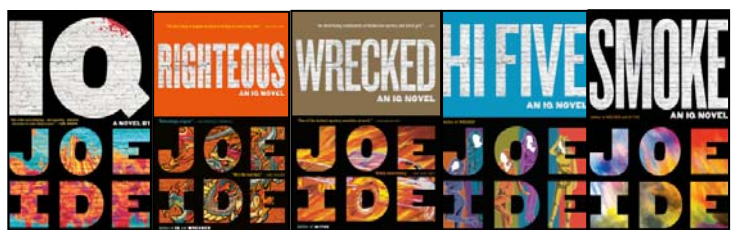
I know that feeling of discovering a mystery series and getting excited only to realize that it's on book number 18 and suddenly feeling very overwhelmed. Can you just dive in with the most recent release and then make your way through? How long will it take to read 18 books and get caught up? And then you're suddenly grabbing a stand-alone novel and running away. I get it. In the case (heh) of the IQ series, however, your timing is perfect because it is recent. You can read four books without the years-long publishing wait between each one. It's a win-win.

Speaking of those 18 book series, though, I do hope IQ will be around for a long run. I like watching his growth, personal struggles, his relationship with Dodson (oh, does that rhyme with Watson?), and the community he lives in. So more IQ mysteries please, and thank you.



Meet Joe Ide

JOE IDE is of Japanese American descent and grew up in South Central Los Angeles. Joe's favorite books were the Conan Doyle Sherlock Holmes stories. The idea that a person could face the world and vanquish his enemies with just his intelligence fascinated him. Joe went on to earn a graduate degree and had several careers before writing his debut novel, IQ, inspired by his early experiences and love of Sherlock. Joe lives in Santa Monica, CA.



Book #1

...#2

...#3

...#4

...#5 due
Feb. 2021

Memories of Jolly Olde England



At left, Larry with VP Kashena at one of the International Summits in Mt. Vernon.

SOB Larry Raisch sent these grand photos, with this message:
"As we're all sitting at home these days, I have been reviewing some of my old pictures and decided to share some Sherlockian memories. These were taken some 15 years ago!"



Above, entry at Gower Street for "Sherlock"!



Where on earth is this, Larry??



Man in India Arrested... Continued from Page 1

Sankar added a 47-year-old snake handler named Santosh has also been arrested. He said the two suspects were in close contact and phone records show they had been in touch before his wife's death. The pair were remanded in police custody for four days.

The husband had bought the snake from the handler for 10,000 rupees (£107), on Manorama in Kerala reports.

Mr. Sankar added: "We are collecting all evidence related to the case and we will make it a watertight case so that he does not get bail. (Sooraj) had tried to do the same thing with a viper snake in March but did not succeed, the wife was taken to hospital and she was cured of the venom."

Uthra's parents are said to have become suspicious

when Sooraj allegedly tried to secure ownership of his wife's home just days after her death. Police are reported to have said the marriage had involved a huge dowry comprising nearly 100 gold coins, a new car and around 500,000 rupees (£5,369) in cash.



Officers are said to have added that Sooraj feared he would have to give back all the dowry if he divorced her. Sooraj had worked at a private finance company while Uthra was a homemaker, according to reports in India.

Cobras are highly venomous snakes usually found in the countryside, wetlands and forests.



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Sherlock on Screen: "The Empty House"

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The three major adaptations of "The Final Problem" / "The Empty House" are those produced in the Soviet Lenfilm series, by Granada, and in the modern-day BBC version. While all follow the general trajectory of Holmes dying/faking his death, a 2-to-3 year hiatus, and a triumphant return, what's most striking about each is how they integrate the two stories in a somehow more cohesive narrative than Doyle originally did.

Through no fault of his own, as Doyle was writing the first without cause to think about the second, there are details about, say, Colonel Moran's involvement that work better when they are present from the start. Adaptations have the luxury of having the whole story laid out in full before beginning, and both Granada and Lenfilm take advantage by altering some details about Moran and the Adair case to better-fit with the whole story, much as they both used Moriarty to better effect by bringing him into other cases and thus establishing his criminal street cred.

As usual, the BBC version draws from various sources and original material rather than straight up adapting the stories, with results which, to this viewer, were less than satisfactory. Most egregious was the almost comical tone with which John's anger at the deception was played

out, in repeated, unprompted physical attacks upon Holmes. While the anger is certainly justified, the poignancy of these two being reunited after so long felt lost in an ongoing gag.

Honorable mention for use of elements of these stories goes to two Basil Rathbone vehicles and the Guy Ritchie films. The German bookseller shows up in "Sherlock Holmes and the Secret Weapon" and a wax bust gambit was used in "The Woman in Green," proving that a good bit will travel. Ritchie's "Sherlock Holmes: Game of Shadows" cannot really be said to be an adaptation, but does conclude with the fake death/possible resurrection.

The death and rebirth story offers timeless drama and the reunion deeply felt emotion, so it's not surprising there are several good portrayals of these stories. It's merely surprising there aren't more.

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\$25 per year brings Members the monthly newsletter "Ineffable Twaddle", a copy of Beaten's Christmas Annual, and the incalculable benefits of association with a group of certifiable Holmes aficionados.

Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of each month. Location of the meetings may vary.

Regularly scheduled additional events throughout the year include: "The Masters' Celebration" honoring the meeting of Holmes and Watson (March), "The Annual Wreath Throw" commemorating Holmes' loss at Reichenbach Falls (May), "The Dr. John H. Watson Picnic" (July), and "The Will Crakes Memorial Jollification" (December). Other activities—book crawls, teas, plays and gaming events—are as announced.

To join, or to renew your membership, send your check for dues—\$25 for individuals, \$35 for families (U.S. funds only)—payable to The Sound of the Baskervilles—to:

SOB Treasurer
P.O. Box 7633 • Tacoma, WA 98417

Answers To Cook's Quiz on EMPT on Page 2:

1. The Earl of Maynooth; gover-
2. The Baldwin, the Cavendish
3. An old book collector
4. Sigerson
5. Coal-tar derivatives
6. Camden House
7. Oscar Meunier of Grenoble
8. Parker; a garrotter and per-
9. The Molesey Mystery
10. Colonel Sebastian Moran; an
11. Von Herder, the blind Ger-
12. Morgan, the poisoner; Mer-
- air gun; the second most
- dangerous man in London
- man mechanic
- ride of of abominable
- memory; Mathews who
- knocked out Holmes's left
- canine
- former on the Jews-harp