



The Medical Bulletin

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Dr. Watson's Spring Tea

The Annual Spring Tea will be held Sunday May 15, 2011 at 4 pm at Denver Woman's Press Club, 1325 Logan Street Denver. FREE! The event will feature tea and scones, and talk and revelry. Free Parking, too, in the parking lot north of the Club. Dr. Watsons' Spring Tea is hosted by Stan Moskal and Sally Kurtzman. RSVP Stan Moskal byreloft@msn.com or 303-355-8991

Birthday Banquet

The dinner celebrating Sherlock Holmes' Birthday was held in January 2011 at the Holiday Inn Select in Cherry Creek. Bill Dorn gave a talk comparing clips from several movie versions to each other and to the Canon.

A new member, Mae Hymn, won the Brick Award.



The Outpatients

A small subset of Dr. Watson's Neglect Patients has been meeting weekly to watch movies related to Sherlock Holmes and discuss the Canon, and books and movies related to it. Contact Ron Lies relies1@msn.com or Larry Feldman lawrencefeldman@comcast.net for more information.

Neglect Patient Publishes Sherlock Holmes Book

Darlene Cypser announced at the Birthday Banquet that she had recently published *The Crack in the Lens*, a novel about Sherlock Holmes that she had been working on for a number of years. The book is set in Yorkshire in 1871 when Sherlock is 17 years old. The book builds upon the ideas of William S. Baring-Gould and other Sherlockian scholars in the recreation of Sherlock Holmes' family life. It tells a tale of a tragic romance that leads Sherlock Holmes to later become a detective. Read a review on the next page.

Review: *The Crack in the Lens*

Author: Darlene A Cypser

Reviewed by: Philip K. Jones

Review: This book is the first of a series of novels which Ms. Cypser is planning to describe Sherlock's life through University and his early career as a detective.

In contrast to a number of recent Sherlockian efforts, this book was written and edited by a professional. I found only one trivial error, although I am sure there are a few more. The writing is clear and direct, with prose that evokes the Yorkshire Dales and the people who have lived there from time out of mind. For a while I found myself recalling the first seasons of the series, "All Creatures, Great and Small" with its lovely scenery and wonderful characters.

The story is sad, with Sherlock going through a late adolescence and having to cope with a very demanding tutor, one Professor James Moriarty. We are introduced to Mycroft and to their older brother, Sherrinford as well as to Squire Siger and Mrs. Holmes. The wild and lovely scenery is a backdrop for a tale of madness, love and deceit with a few side trips into the normal world of family and friends. Sherlock's sickly childhood and family relations are explored in some depth as part of coming to understand his nature.

There are several questions left unanswered, but I suspect that the author has a few more facts to pass along at opportune times. Certain actions by Squire Holmes and Professor Moriarty require explanation, and the futures of several introduced characters leave room for growth and development. The story ends with a recapitulation of the events in "The Gloria Scott" that put Sherlock firmly on path to be the world's first consulting detective.

This is not a happy book nor is it light reading. It is a tale about forging a boy into a man, as one heats, pounds, tempers and quenches steel. It took me several sittings and I read it in the dead of Winter, a bad time to face snow in the fells and bitterness in the heart. This is a book that provides explanations for some of the odd qualities we have all remarked in the Master. Those qualities could not have come easily or pleasantly.



Excerpt from **The District Messenger, Newsletter of the Sherlock Holmes Society of London:**

By Roger Johnson

“The Crack in the Lens by Darlene A Cypser... tells an engrossing story of the boy Holmes and at the same time explores the reasons why the man Holmes turned out as he did – a brilliant, unconventional, and apparently emotionless righter of wrongs. In this account Mycroft, Sherrinford and Sherlock are the sons of Squire Siger Holmes of Mycroft Manor in Yorkshire, where Sherlock is educated by a private tutor, Professor James Moriarty. These inventions of William Baring-Gould have become far more influential in America than they should be, but they make a colourful and appropriately atmospheric basis for a tale that seems to owe as much to Emily Brontë as to Arthur Conan Doyle. Ms Cypser plans a further three novels, taking the young Holmes through his years at university and his career as an actor to his early days as a consulting detective.”

Neglected Patients Online

The success of the BBC Sherlock series has led to an explosion of interest in Sherlock Holmes, especially among young people. In the last few months the Neglected Patients' Facebook page (www.facebook.com/DrWatsonsNP) has nearly doubled in the number of fans and begun linking up to a number of other Sherlock Holmes societies which also have created Facebook pages, including The Cornish Horrors, The Spence Munros, The Reichenbach Irregulars, The Illustrious Clients of Indianapolis, and the Sherlock Holmes Society of Ireland.

Several members of the Neglect Patients have also begun contributing to The Sherlock Holmes Social Network (www.sherlockholmes.ning.com) where they discuss the Canon, and books and movies related to Sherlock Holmes.



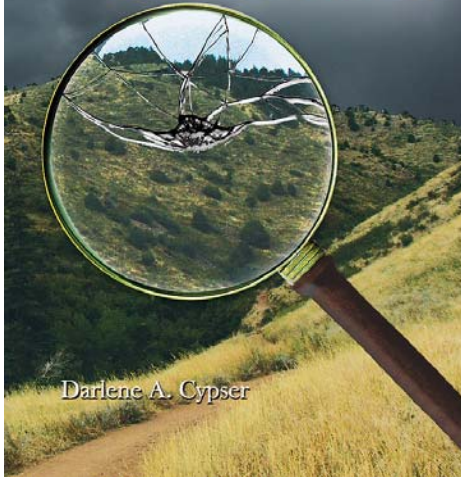
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