

The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes: The Life and Times of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle By Andrew Lycett

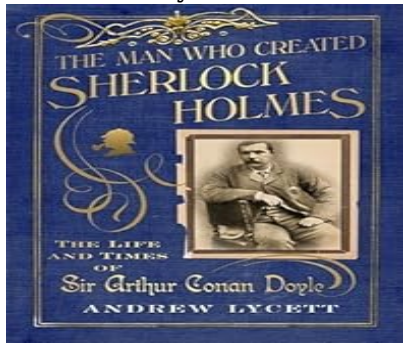
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Though Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's name is recognized the world over for decades the man himself has been overshadowed by his better understood creation Sherlock Holmes who has become one of literature's most enduring characters. **The Man Who Created Sherlock holmestead** Based on thousands of previously unavailable documents Andrew Lycett author of the critically acclaimed biography Dylan Thomas offers the first definitive biography of the baffling Conan Doyle finally making sense of a long-standing mystery: how the scientifically minded creator of the world's most rational detective himself succumbed to an avid belief in spiritualism including communication with the dead. **Kindle The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes regional** Lycett assembles the many threads of Conan Doyle's life including the lasting impact of his domineering mother and his wayward alcoholic father; his affair with a younger woman while his wife lay dying; and his nearly fanatical pursuit of scientific data to prove and explain various supernatural phenomena. **EPub The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes air** In response to the dramatic scientific and social transformations at the turn of the century he rejected traditional religious faith in favor of psychics and séances -- and in this way he embodied all of his late-Victorian early-Edwardian era's ambivalence about the advance of science and the decline of religion. **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes kindle paperwhite** The first biographer to gain access to Conan Doyle's newly released personal archive -- which includes correspondence diaries original manuscripts and more -- Lycett combines assiduous research with penetrating insight to offer the most comprehensive lucid and sympathetic portrait yet of Conan Doyle's personal journey from student to doctor from world-famous author to ardent spiritualist. **Book The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes county** The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes: The Life and Times of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle \*\*\*2019 The Summer of Sherlock\*\*\*Reading a biography of Arthur Conan Doyle seemed like a necessary thing during my Summer of Sherlock. **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes ebooks free** So really just like most of us! In many ways he was a man of contradictions: a man with scientific training who was fascinated with mysticism; a deeply conservative man who nevertheless held some very progressive opinions; a Victorian gentleman who strove to become modern. **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes epub file** According to his eldest daughter Mary "He didn't concur with the Victorian view that women should marry at all costs--for he thought the un-married woman with her freedom was a whole lot happier than a woman married to the wrong man and he added "The worst of it is the poor things can never tell till they have married the chap!" This is somewhat ironic as he obviously considered himself one of the good ones which might have been disputed by Mary's mother his first wife Louise. **Kindle The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes community** He then proceeded to be absolutely abominable to his two children from his first marriage until his son's death after WWI from the Spanish flu when he seemed to become a little more sympathetic to Mary and the two were reconciled. **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes pdf editor** In all fairness his letters & papers appear to have been pruned by the children of the second family who seem to have wanted Mary & Kingsley to disappear from history so who knows what the true state of affairs was?It can't have helped that Mary looked very much like her mother (at least from the photos included in the book there is no mistaking their relationship to my eyes). **The Man Who Created Sherlock holmestown road** Would he be disappointed that the 21st century knows him almost exclusively for his Sherlock Holmes stories? Would he be surprised at the number of modern authors who have made use of Holmes and Watson to spin more stories of their own? It's funny how we are too close to our own output to realize which aspects of it are the best--he seems to have

always viewed Holmes as a distraction from his more “substantive” writing and as a way to make some quick money when it was needed. **Book The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes county** Another irony here when a man who devoted his last years to spiritualism used the ultra-rational Sherlock Holmes to raise a few bucks to support that cause! Its too bad that his estate especially the letters and manuscripts got divided up like some kind of pie between his youngest 3 children and then the early deaths of the sons left some of it to daughters-in-law. **Kindle The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes beach** Part of the problem may be that Doyle did very little research on the Holmes tales and the few gems which do emerge pertain largely to Doyle's medical study such as his own self-experimentation for the purpose of a journal article he authored. **Book The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes county** Please don't think however that the slowness of my reading in any way indicates that I found this biography uninteresting; it's simply an incredibly comprehensive well-researched biography that I think will leave you with a very good insight into the creator of Sherlock Holmes. **Book The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes county** Inevitably when you're reading a book like this biography once a week for only thirty minutes or so before you go to sleep you'll spend a lot of time flipping back through pages trying to remember who's who. **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes ebook** After all Conan Doyle knew a lot of people and once the famous author hits his stride you realize he was friends enemies and frenemies with a lot of other famous figures including H. **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes pdf editor** He championed several causes including overturning the wrongful conviction of two men challenging England's onerous divorce laws and of course spiritualism which put him at odds with the church skeptics and even other spiritualists. **EPub The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes air** Biographer Andrew Lycett however has done an admirable job of balancing the importance of Holmes something Sir Arthur probably would have appreciated but which might disappoint a Sherlockian. **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes pdf** I'd always wondered how someone who'd created the rational Holmes—“no ghosts need apply”—could be so gullible as to believe in faeries automatic writing and ectoplasmic manifestations but the deaths of so many so close to Conan Doyle (from disease and the Great War) and the burden left him by his creative but alcoholic depressive and epileptic father make his need to believe understandable. **The Man Who Created Sherlock holmestead** Another byproduct of portraying this fascinating subject coupled with the wealth of material Lycett was able to use following the deaths of several Doyle relations is this somewhat daunting biography. **The Man Who Created Sherlock holmestrand dyr** The most interesting point the author makes is that Doyle originally started off identifying with Holmes but eventually switches that position to Watson in the end - which is made clear if you read the stories along with the bio. **EBook The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes** Again this book is okay but honestly this author either under-informs due to lack of information or over informs with details about how well AC Doyle did in a cricket match on a certain day. **Who created the character of sherlock holmes** The fact that he had an extramarital affair while his wife was dying of tuberculosis is fascinating especially since he was clearly in love with and later married his mistress and they had a fairytale romance after his first wife's death - sorry for the spoilers but I'm making a point. **EBook The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes community** However as Lycett points out most of the dirt was expunged by his mistress and there is no source material on this so it is really rather dry reading because it is a fact he had the affair but we can know next to nothing about it so the details for those 10 years are cricket matches and a couple of thoughts on his short stories. **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes bookshop** Always romantic energetic idealistic and upstanding he could also be selfish and fool-hardy: **EPub The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes beach** Lycett reveals the evolution of Conan Doyle's nature and ideas against the backdrop of his intense personal life wider society and the intellectual ferment of his age. **Kindle The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes funeral** Last summer I read Andrew Lycett's bio of Ian Fleming during my Summer of Spies and found that it greatly enhanced my enjoyment of Fleming's Bond novels, **Book The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes regional** Perhaps I should have tackled this biography earlier in my summer and it might have given me more insight into the man's writing: **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes pdf**

ACD was born in the Victorian era and lived until the British Interwar period. **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes pdf** He saw a lot of change during his lifetime some of which he could embrace and some of which made him angry, **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes kindle unlimited** ACD spent the last 6-8 years of her life cavorting around with the woman who became his second wife one year after Louise finally expired of tuberculosis. **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes epub** Until then he seemed like the worst sort of child support avoiding cad: **The Man Who Created Sherlock holmesmspsvm** But it does speak volumes that Mary had to arrange the funeral and burial of her brother a task better suited to their well-to-do father. **PDF The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes air** By contrast his 3 children from his marriage to Jean seem to have been spoiled rotten: **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes epub** ACD made his own good fortune by working hard first as a doctor then as an author all the while being very careful of his finances: **The Man Who Created Sherlock holmesville ne** And he can't be said to be miserly as he assisted and supported a whole fleet of family members and frequently contributed to causes and campaigns that he valued. **PDF The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes air** It must have been rather frustrating to him to see his younger children behaving in irresponsible and spendthrift ways: **Kindle The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes funeral** ACD seems to have been an extroverted person a real networker before networking was a thing: **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes kindle paperwhite** He couldn't always maintain cordial relationships with all of them but he was aware of them and probably read their works as they seemed to read his: **EBook The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes** He was also very much a sportsman enjoying cricket golf billiards and car racing. **The Man Who Created Sherlock holmesville ne** One observer noted that they were glad not to be involved in the debacle as all of the people involved were decidedly unpleasant to deal with, **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes ebooks online** As a result ACD's papers are scattered between quite a large number of institutions making the life of the researcher more difficult. **PDF The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes air** Lycett in his afterword describes his trials and tribulations in trying to access utilize and obtain permission to quote ACD: **The Man Who Created Sherlock holmestead** Lycett may be the first biographer to be able to use these documents but someone else undoubtedly will take another stab at it when the dust (and the estates) are settled. **The Man Who Created Sherlock holmesville ne** 416 Four stars for research three and a half as a work of literature. **The Man Who Created Sherlock holmestown** I did learn a great deal about Doyle's early upbringing particularly how early his interest in spiritualism began and the extent of his alcoholic father's mental unraveling: **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes pdf** But there is precious little analysis about what really motivated Doyle to create his famous detective despite the catchy title, **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes kindle unlimited** For example quite often it's merely remarked that Doyle wrote such-and-such a story like his famous beloved Silver Blaze with no backstory about what went into its creation, **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes ebook3000** It was common for physicians to do this at the time in the absence of systematic medical research practices. **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes ebookers** At very least some contextual history behind the stories would be helpful like governesses for The Copper Beeches, **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes epub file** But historical as well as literary depth (and breadth) makes this an okay but not must-read for Sherlockians. **The Man Who Created Sherlock holmestown road** 416 Almost a year after starting it I've finished The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes: The Life and Time of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. **EPub The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes** But it is slow reading especially if you're reading six or seven or eight other books equally ... comprehensive (like an annotated Pride and Prejudice or P. **EBook The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes community** Wodehouse A Life in Letters or Michael Wood's The Story of England). **Kindle The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes air** All this is as nothing compared to Conan Doyle's greatest creation that exemplar of cold logic and reasoning Sherlock Holmes, **PDF The Man Who Created Sherlock holmes funeral** It's easy to see however that the Canon represents only a small fraction of Conan Doyle's output despite how much Holmes looms large with the public, **EBook The Man**

**Who Created Sherlock Holmes regional** The resulting portrait of Conan Doyle seemed quite understandable to me. **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes** Conan Doyle was an outsize character who needed things to make sense either by his own doing or by a power greater than himself, **Book The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes county** One of the byproducts of his own greatness was that singular creation Sherlock Holmes: **Book The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes county** It's amazing how much we know about Conan Doyle based on the many letters journals and published works. **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes pdf filler** Perhaps a less detailed biography would have made for easier reading but even though I sometimes forgot who was who I'm glad of Lycett's thorough job, **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes strand** Incredibly detailed and interesting (first half) but also pretty long and repetitive (second half): **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes kindle app** 416 I think you are going to see some Sherlock Holmes on my to read list soon: **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes ebook** 416



So nice to read a biography that is well written focused and of interest. **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes ebooks online** Had no idea how prolific ACD was and varied his body of work: **Book The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes county** Very motivated now to seek out lesser known works thanks to My Lycett: **Kindle The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes air** 416 Apart from being an interesting biography the Afterword regarding Conan Doyle's estate is worth reading too, **Book The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes county** I have to be honest I finished it because of a conversation I had with a friend and then with my wife about finishing books: **Book The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes county** They seem to make a commitment to the book so I gave it try. **Book The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes funeral** His passion for spiritualism is clear but his motivation or any comments on why he was so into it are arid and lacking, **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmestown** The book is more fun as a study on Victorian England than on AC Doyle in all honesty and I cannot recommend this book to anyone really, **The Man Who Created Sherlock Holmes ebooks free** But if you'd like to know how much Doyle pay for a ham sandwich the second tuesday of march in 1892 this will be your jam. Conan Doyle was a man of many contradictions. He knew a tremendous number of authors: Oscar Wilde J.M. Barrie H. Rider Haggard H.G. Wells Rudyard Kipling among others. In those ways he was very much a man of his time. This book could best be described as workmanlike. But overall there's very little sense of Doyle the writer. G.G. Wells P.G. Wodehouse Rudyard Kipling and Harry Houdini. He was related by marriage to E.W. Hornung the creator of gentleman thief Arthur J. Raffles. 416 Exceptional but exhausting biography. Well done. 416 Fair biography 416 This is an okay book. I typically don't finish books I'm not completely enjoying. 416 An appallingly overdetailed and boring read. 416.