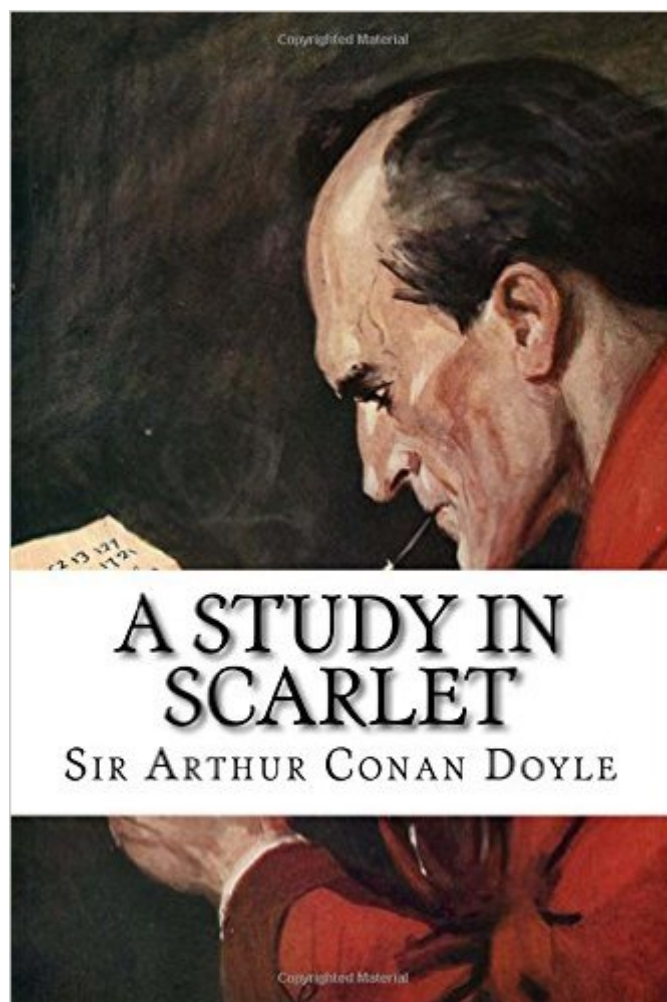


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Synopsis

A Study in Scarlet is a detective mystery novel written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, introducing his new characters, "consulting detective" Sherlock Holmes and his friend and chronicler, Dr. John Watson, who later became two of the most famous characters in literature. Conan Doyle wrote the story in 1886, and it was published the following year. The book's title derives from a speech given by Holmes to Doctor Watson on the nature of his work, in which he describes the story's murder investigation as his "study in scarlet": "There's the scarlet thread of murder running through the colourless skein of life, and our duty is to unravel it, and isolate it, and expose every inch of it."

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I am using A Study in Scarlet for my Aphasia Book Club. I am a speech language pathologist working with people who have aphasia. One area of concern for many of them is understanding what they read. I am in the process of preparing the materials for the group, so we have not really begun reading as a group. I do know that I like the book myself. It is the work that introduces the Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson characters as well as Holmes's theory and practice of deduction and analysis.

A Study in Scarlet • begins when John H. Watson M.D. is looking for reasonable lodgings. So too Sherlock Holmes (described as cold blooded in outlook). A letter requests help from Holmes. Drebber was found dead in an empty house, no wound on the body, but

blood in the room. Holmes and Watson inspect the scene; Holmes explains his deductions. An advertisement is placed in the "Found" column of a newspaper. Detective Gregson visited Holmes to explain how he solved the murder. Lestrade arrives to tell of another murder: Stangerson, Dreber's secretary! Gregson's suspect could not have done it. Holmes shows his brilliance by his surprise introduction of the murderer! Part 2 tells about the events that preceded these murders. Chapter 7 explains Holmes' actions in reasoning backwards. This story introduced Sherlock Holmes to an audience that never tired of these stories. Note the dialogue followed by explanatory comments. More modern stories use mostly dialogue to carry the story along and bring out the facts. The solution occurs in the last chapters. The use of an exotic American locale was a way to add interest. Background descriptions are sparse. It tells why a man can have a "florid face", a medical fact. This was the beginning of the "Sherlock Holmes" series of stories.

This is one of my favorite Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's books. This version was inexpensive compared to some others...great value.

My 13yo loves all Sherlock books...this may be his favorite.

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