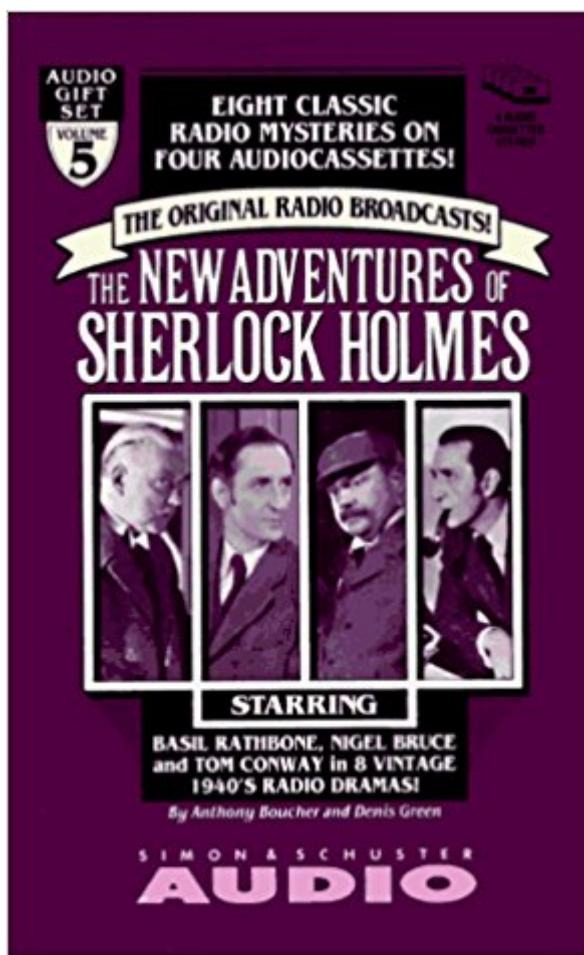


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The haunting of Sherlock Holmes "Exactly as broadcast on May 20, 1946" "It's the first time in my career that i've ever had a ghost for a client!" exclaims Sherlock Holmes. On a holiday in a small Balkan country, Holmes and Watson observe the execution of the beautiful opera singer, Lilly Rhena, who was accused of spying. Yet shortly after her demise, she visits the detective and his companion in their hotel suite. Can Holmes and Watson unravel the mystery without putting their own lives in peril? THE BACONIAN CIPHER "Exactly as broadcast on May 27, 1946" A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR OR A MESSAGE OF MURDER? Holmes detects a strange message in the "Agony Column" of the "London Times." With the help of Dr. Watson and a French detective, Sherlock Holmes is led into a curious plot of murder and intrigue. This is the last appearance of Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce together as Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson on the radio. "The Haunting of Sherlock Holmes" and "The Baconian Cipher" were broadcast over the Mutual Broadcasting System on May 20, 1946 and May 27, 1946 respectively. For more than forty years these episodes were believed lost until 1987, when the Los Angeles group 221 "A" Baker Street Associates announced their discovery. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's daughter, Dame Jean Conan Doyle, graciously granted permission for a re-release of the shows, and the latest audio technology was employed to bring the best possible audio quality and fidelity to the original performances. "The Haunting of Sherlock Holmes" and "The Baconian Cipher" were written by the prolific radio writing team of Anthony Boucher and Denis Green and star Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce.

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Tampa Tribune Great fun. -- Review

When Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce were chosen to play Holmes and Watson in the 1939 film, "The Hound of the Baskervilles," no one realized that they would be forever linked with the characters of the great detective and his loyal friend. The immediate success of the film led to their being chosen to portray Holmes and Watson on the radio for 8 years in 213 episodes of the Sherlock Holmes mysteries.

Although Edith Meiser was the most prolific author of Holmes radio pastiches, the team of Dennis Green and Anthony Boucher was the best. This collection contains one original Conan Doyle story ("The Speckled Band"), one story from Holmes' retirement days as a beekeeper ("The Living Doll"), and one from the time while he was in hiding after the fight at Reichenbach Falls ("Murder Beyond the Mountains"). Nigel Bruce and Basil Rathbone star as Holmes and Watson, but the final tale in the collection ("The Stuttering Ghost") is the first broadcast starring Tom Conway as Holmes. When Rathbone left the series at the end of the 1945 season, Tom Conway stepped into the breach, and the Green-Boucher team wrote the series for one more season. Conway does a creditable job as Holmes, but after Rathbone's departure, they gave Nigel Bruce top billing.

The new advantages of Sherlock Holmes is absolutely fabulous this is only one of the sets available for this series. I'm only 26 years old, but the new adventures of Sherlock Holmes has given me a great appreciation for old-time radio. These are true collectors items. If you think you know Sherlock Holmes, I challenge to to listen to the new adventures. I guarantee you'll discover subtle nuances that you didn't know about before. The new adventures of Sherlock Holmes is a fresh approach to this wonderful fictional detective.

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