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The NEW ADVENTURES SHERLOCK GIFTSET #1 (Sherlock Holmes)



Synopsis

WELCOME TO THE GOLDEN AGE OF RADIO, AND THE BEST IN CLASSIC MYSTERY... From 1939 to 1946 Americans gathered around their radio to listen to The New Adventures of Sherlock Holmes -- featuring Basil Rathbone as the high strung crime-solver and Nigel Bruce as his phlegmatic assistant. Witty, fast-paced, and always surprising, these great radio plays -- written by the prolific writing team of Anthony Boucher and Denis Green, are as fresh today as they were then, and feature perfect sound along with nostalgic war-time announcements, original commercials and radio narrations. This special collector's edition includes: TAPE ONE: THE UNFORTUNATE TOBACCONIST and THE PARADOL CHAMBER TAPE TWO: THE VIENNESE STRANGLER and THE NOTORIOUS CANARY TRAINER TAPE THREE: THE APRIL FOOL'S DAY ADVENTURE and THE STRANGE ADVENTURE OF THE UNEASY EASY CHAIR TAPE FOUR: THE STRANGE CASE OF THE DEMON BARBER and THE MYSTERY OF THE HEADLESS MONK

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Customer Reviews

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.

Simon & Schuster really put a lot of effort into this collection. To begin with they rounded up some of the people, announcers, actors/actresses, writers and the spouses of the writers & producers of the series and put together a nice little prelude and postlude for each show. These preludes and postludes provide quite a bit of background info on the show, performers and production staff. The shows themselves move very quickly and are suspenseful. I love to listen to the shows while traveling in the car or just sitting at home with the lights down. Listed below are my descriptions of the shows in this collection.

TAPE ONE: THE UNFORTUNATE TOBACCONIST - Everytime a new owner purchases a tobacco shop located on the waterfront he is killed. Holmes & Watson have to figure out who is doing the killing before the new owner and his daughter are killed.

THE PARADOL CHAMBER - Has the 4th dimension really been discovered? Is teleportation possible? Holmes & Watson look into the matter. Mrs. Watson makes an important cameo.

TAPE TWO: THE VIENNESE STRANGLER - Why are the other tenants at Holmes's Baker St. residence being murdered? Will he be next?

THE NOTORIOUS CANARY TRAINER - While on vacation Holmes & Watson come across an old enemy. During an attempt to flee he is killed. Was it suicide or murder?

TAPE THREE: THE APRIL FOOL'S DAY ADVENTURE - Watson sets Holmes up for an April Fools day joke. However the joke is the prelude to a jewel theft. Holmes also meets Moriarty for the first time.

THE STRANGE ADVENTURE OF THE UNEASY EASY CHAIR - Why do people die when sitting in this Easy Chair?

TAPE FOUR: THE STRANGE CASE OF THE DEMON BARBER - An actor believes he is performing murders while he is asleep. Just like the character he portrays in his current play. He hires Holmes to prove he is guilty.

THE MYSTERY OF THE HEADLESS MONK - Holmes & Watson team with a well known occult expert to investigate a ghost story.

Being a fan of Rathbone and Bruce just adds to the incredible enjoyment these tapes gave me. If you always wanted to see this great pair perform their Holmesian magic your wish has come true. Each story is entertaining and very original. I am new to old time radio but this tape has totally converted me into a great fan. Your imagination can really be activated with these tapes. Don't hesitate to try them especially at this price.

This is the first of a series of boxed sets featuring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce as Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson. I found the whole series highly entertaining. The tapes are hosted by a variety of people who were connected with the original series, proceeded by the entire show, uncut

and uninterrupted. This series is a particular favorite with my family during long car trips!

This audiobook collection is terrific. The stories are amazing and get you on the edge of your chair or wherever your listening to it. I think that if you want a good story or stories get this collection, it's worth it.

Explore the deep sea with famous Holmes. Fishy fishy, is that my wishy?

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