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The Penguin English Library edition

As usual with the Sherlock Holmes stories it is very hard to say which are the best - but there are many stories here which would get the vote - ranging from The Boscombe Valley Mystery to the wonderful Adventure of Silver Blaze, from the Adventure of the Norwood Builder to A Case of Identity, but above to the uniquely strange and macabre Adventure of the Engineer's Thumb.

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Jade says

Not as good as the first collection I read '*The Five Orange Pips and Other Cases*' but I still enjoyed it. Listening to the Stephen Fry audiobook really makes the stories shine even more.

Honourable mentions - *The Adventure of the Naval Treaty*, *The Adventure of the Abbey Grange* & *The Adventure of the Golden Pince-Nez*.

Miriam says

I really enjoyed this one also maybe because it was the first time for me, where Sherlock did not manage to bring the villains to justice! :)

Naomi Jackson says

Classic short stories. Always a pleasure to read.

Geertje says

3.5 stars

The stories printed in this edition seemed to be, contrary to the five orange pips and other cases, to be completely arbitrary. I would have preferred a more chronological order. I do feel that I've become a bit more familiar with Doyle's writing style and the structure of these stories (which, sadly, also meant that some were a bit easier to solve. Times have changed, too: I fear that there's nothing mysterious about the KKK anymore, Mister Holmes). The adventures and cases were highly entertaining, though, so 3.5 stars for that :).

Gavin Felgate says

This is another compilation of 13 Sherlock Holmes stories, taken from different books by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. There were just four that I'd never before, although I had forgotten what happened in most of the others.

I overall enjoyed it, including the stories that I'd not come across yet, and liked the fact that the final story, *The Adventure of the Greek Interpreter* featured Sherlock's brother Mycroft.

The only issue I had was that there were a couple of stories where I had to re-read the endings because they

were a bit hard to follow (the hardest one for me was *The Adventure of the Golden Prince-Nez*).

Hris says

3.5

Some stories were more enjoyable than others, and at times I felt like I needed to take a short break between reading them. Nevertheless, it was a good way to read some Sherlock Holmes adventures that I wasn't that familiar with. Overall an enjoyable and entertaining read.
