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Sherlock Holmes, Professor Challenger and Dr. Watson meet their match when the streets of London are left decimated by a prolonged alien attack. Who could be responsible for such destruction? Sherlock Holmes is about to find out...

Manly Wade Wellman's novel takes H.G. Wells's classic story of Martian invasion and throws Holmes into the mix, with surprising and unexpected results.

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j_ay says

The mash-up idea of Sherlock Holmes and War of the Worlds (not too mention the inclusion of another Doyle character: Professor Challenger), has an immense amount of potential. Sadly the Wellmans achieve nothing even close to interesting, not even coming close to having a grasp of the essential character of Holmes (pairing him off romantically with the Landlady, let alone saying shit like he thinks of himself as a perfectionist kisser (!) is so contrary to the character and just a waster of pages) and merely writing off the Well's characters as idiots...what is the point?

Unreadable.

Ignacio Senao f says

Volvemos a saber lo sucedido en el libro “La guerra de los mundos” pero desde otros puntos de vista. En este caso Holmes y Challenger se unen para investigar y combatir esta invasión.

Un gran entretenimiento este libro, no falta de nada, hasta buenas ilustraciones le acompañan. Realmente es como escrito por Conan Doyle juntos a Wells, sus personajes no pierden la personalidad tan características que muestran en sus novelas originales, y tiene el punto de fantástico de Wells.

Kelsey Yost says

Utterly boring, Watson is off somewhere else for most of the book, Mr Challenger is annoying and adds nothing, Mrs Hudson is moved from a background character to Holmes' lover (which I find disturbing and frankly gross). Not a fan at all of this story.

Steve Folan says

A great rewriting of War of the Worlds and bringing in Sherlock Holmes and Professor Challenger as major participants before and after the invasion. I have recently read the HG Wells book and this tailors that story well and even has Holmes, Challenger and Watson criticising Wells' lack of scientific rigour.

There is some additional plotting that provides a new perspective on the invasion.

Bmj2k says

In short, with a premise like Sherlock Holmes and the War of the Worlds this book should have been fun.

Instead it was boring and tedious and not at all engaging. A complete and utter disappointment. It soured me on reading any more of this range.

Salvatore says

A very good, interesting story. I like that it uses HG Wells War of the Worlds and places Holmes and another Doyle character, Professor Challenger and incorporates them into the story. I like how Watson is upset that Wells has misrepresented the true facts of the invasion and left out key contributions of Challenger and Holmes. This one made me smile.

Andrew says

I found this book almost by chance and it has been a pleasant surprise.

The novel tells the events described in the book "The War of the Worlds" by HG Wells, experienced by two of the most famous characters of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: Sherlock Holmes and Professor Challenger. It's interesting to see how these men, followers of logic and science, face a similar threat, although I'm convinced that Holmes's fans might turn up their noses. Indeed, there are some aspects in the personality of Holmes, but not only, that don't meet properly the original style. (view spoiler). Professor Challenger, in contrast, is portrayed in all its arrogance, competence and lack of humility, as always. Many funny scenes in this story resulted from comparing the personalities of these two men. Apart from that, it's an enjoyable book that lets to examine, from an interesting point of view, the novel of Wells and where the author is described so unflattering. Note that in the book appears, though in one scene, another character of Doyle, (view spoiler).

Scott says

I was a bit taken aback by Wellman's portrayal of a romance between Mrs. Hudson and Holmes until I realized that he was keeping it secret from everyone. Well played, Mr. Wellman, well played.

Elliott says

I was really disappointed by this book for two textual reasons and a score of stylistic concerns. The first in my edition is on page 41 when Challenger refers to H.G. Wells as having "some rather sketchy scientific background, along with a bizarre imagination." The second is eight pages forward. Watson and Holmes are discussing H.G. Wells when Watson refers to him as "A sensation-mongering hack, suspiciously revolutionary in his notions..." These two instances marked for me the point of no return for this novel. I could reasonably accept (though very grudgingly mind you) the heresy of having Holmes be romantically involved since I feel he works better as the perpetual bachelor married to his job both as a certain barometer of Victorianism and for his own character (though his romance with Irene Adler in the new film versions works very well I will admit), as well I could accept the clunky dialogue. But the comments about Wells I found completely unnecessary to the plot and indeed quite malicious. They did not serve the plot in the least and indeed at least to me really hampered it. Being a big H.G. Wells fan I was completely alienated before

page 50, the remaining portion never redeeming itself from these initial jabs.

Roger says

There are so many things to enjoy about The War of the Worlds. But first let's clarify: I am not speaking of HG Well's original SF classic, though I am certain there is plenty to enjoy there too. Rather this is a different novel with the same title. It is written by Many Wade Wellman and his son Wade Wellman. The senior Wellman was an esteemed pulpmeister from way back, and he penned a series of excellent novels and stories regarding Silver John AKA John the Balladeer. These were true originals featuring what I will call "Backwoods magic" taking place in the Appalachians, and they are fantastic works of fiction. I had no idea Wellman had ever written anything featuring Sherlock Holmes so already this book had a lot going for it before I even cracked the cover. And there's more. In addition this book also features Professor Challenger, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's OTHER series character. Challenger appears in a number of Doyle's tales, most notable of which is The Lost World. The original stories featuring Holmes remain worth reading today, and so too does The Lost World. Challenger is a very different sort of person than Holmes—they never meet in Doyle's fiction but it seems a logical development and it is fun to see them interact. There are also cameos from other supporting Holmes and Challenger characters such as Lord John Roxton, Inspector Stanley Hopkins, and of course Doctor John Watson. The principal idea behind this book should be evident (one might even say elementary.) Holmes' career spans the time of the Martian invasion HG Wells chronicles in his original novel The War of the Worlds. So what happens when Martian technology comes up against the two greatest intellects of the age? Read the book. But before you do there is one more thing I have to mention. It is why this book, despite all its' good points, only rates two stars. Both Wellmans in their respective introductions declare that they are dedicated Sherlockians. So the idea that these two dedicated Sherlockians would concoct a plot in which Holmes is carrying on a torrid love affair with Mrs. Hudson who is actually really hot boggles the mind. I never picked up on this while reading the original Holmes stories. I find it more than a little amusing that I can not bat an eye at Holmes encountering extraterrestrials, but I take great exception to the idea that he is shagging the housekeeper. Even more ridiculous: Watson is completely oblivious to this affair. The Wellmans have fallen into the old trap a lot of people who write these Holmes pastiches do: they assume John Watson is a dolt and he is not. And that's why this book barely gets three stars.

Thomas says

Meh. I was hoping for better. A lot better. This could've been awesome. It was decidedly Not.

James says

Pleasantly surprised, was a pretty interesting read.
3.5 stars maybe 4.

Bev says

In The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: The War of the Worlds, Manly W. Wellman and Wade Wellman have taken the Sherlock Holmes we all know and love and joined him up with Doyle's other brilliant character, Professor Challenger. These two analytical men investigate and try to come up with a response to the alien invasion previously chronicled in H. G. Wells' War of the Worlds. There are several startling revelations...one in particular about Holmes and a few that "set the record straight" (as Watson would put it) about the events In London during the attack.

Overall, the Wellmans do an adequate job of telling their story and incorporating the worlds of Doyle and Wells. It is a bit disjointed in places...evidence that the novel was originally published as several "articles" which were meant to tell the "truth" about the Martian invasion. I think the portions which focus on the Professor's and Watson's point of view work best. Some of the writing from Holmes' point of view don't ring quite as true. I definitely enjoyed the interactions between Holmes and Challenger, and I am now eager to read the works that feature the egotistical professor.

Spoiler Alert

My major quibble with the story is the supposed romance between Holmes and Mrs. Hudson. There is no way that anyone will get me to believe that Watson, dull as he is sometimes portrayed, would have missed that relationship's reality. AND, given the good doctor's inclination to describe and have great sympathy for the beautiful women who employ Holmes as clients, you can't tell me that he wouldn't have mentioned that Mrs. Hudson was a youngish (30-ish), blonde, blue-eyed, statuesque, beauty. If there's anything the doctor notices, it's a pretty face.

Charles van Buren says

Not much for Holmes to do in this one

Verified Purchase(What's this?)

This review is from: The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: War of the Worlds (Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (Paperback)) (Kindle Edition)

I admire Manly Wade Wellman's stories of John the Balladeer aka Silver John (these can be found in the e-book version of MOUNTAIN MAGIC. The hard copy has different stories). However this Sherlock Holmes story just doesn't work. Perhaps the Wellmans were too constrained by the H. G. Wells story upon which it is based. Essentially, Holmes and Professor Challenger don't do much of anything except survive and think. They contribute virtually nothing to the war with the aliens. Watson is away for most of the book and was sorely missed by this reader. The Wellmans do introduce a surprising love interest for Holmes. This review is from the kindle edition sold by Amazon Digital Services.

Oscar says

Manly Wade Wellman y su hijo Wade Wellman nos ofrecen un pastiche holmesiano mezclado con la genial

obra de H.G. Wells 'La guerra de los mundos'. Más que una continuación, se trata de una revisión de la invasión marciana desde diferentes puntos de vista, los de unos personajes muy especiales: Sherlock Holmes, el profesor Challenger y el doctor Watson. A esto hay que añadir el suplemento de un par de obras de Wells, el relato 'El huevo de cristal', que sirve de prólogo a la invasión, y el ensayo 'Los habitantes de Marte'. Personalmente, la novela me ha parecido interesante y poco más.

Fred Hughes says

Lots of deducting but not much action as Holmes and Watson face an invasion of London launched from the planet Mars. Holmes meets his equal in intelligence in Mr Challenger (nice twist on the name) who is the first to tell you how smart he is.

While there is investigation, the results on the invasion rest squarely with the invaders; and Holmes and Watson are merely bystanders.

Throw in H.G. Wells, which the author did, and you get an entertaining read

Austin says

With his recent surge in local popular culture, Sherlock Holmes is bound to need some new challenges in his storied detective career. In *The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: War of the Worlds*, Manly and Wade Wellman take Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's popular character (as well as his Professor Challenger from *The Lost World*) into a battle for survival while E.T. reigns down destruction in London. The story follows a parallel story line to H.G. Wells' classic novel but makes clear and distinctive turns in its plot that allow a new perspective on the classic invasion tale as well as taking shots at Mr. Wells throughout the novel for his sensationalism of the invasion as well as the ignoring of Sherlock Holmes' involvement. In the novel we get looks at former characters out of the original Holmes' stories as well as new characters that fit right in with Holmes and Watson with really no noticeable issues. The biggest issue I have with the novel is the dumbing down of Watson as well as the authors' shaping Holmes a bit more "normal" than Doyle has him painted in his novels. We must keep in mind that Holmes is a genius and an eccentric one at that but this book has him a more centered than I'm used to seeing as well as giving him a James Bond quality of magnetism over Mrs. Hudson doesn't fit the character profile. I am not familiar with Professor Challenger but from what I've read, most agree that he has lost his hard edge in this book as well. Still a very enjoyable read especially when the invasion picks up about a third of the way through the book and moves briskly thought the last plot twist is shoe horned in to make one more tie to the original mythology. The book is a part of a series of novels from Titan books that has different writers taking Sherlock Holmes and pitting him against a variety of Victorian-Era nemesis. Overall: a nice light book but look elsewhere if you're a Holmes purist.

Anthony says

IN SHORT

What Holmes got up to when the Martians were invading.

THINGS TO LIKE

A better premise for a steampunk novel simply cannot be imagined. Because the world of Sherlock Holmes is so familiar, the reader can experience some of the thrill in its destruction that the original readers of *The War of the Worlds* must have felt. The lesser known Professor Challenger is also brought into the mix and there is a wonderfully cheeky revelation about Holmes' private life.

THINGS NOT TO LIKE

The authors have taken all this potential and done absolutely nothing with it. Separated and alone, Challenger and Holmes simply wonder around following the exact events described in Wells' book and understand them. That is pretty much it.

The bombastic and arrogant Challenger should be a joy to write for. But, as he is alone he has nobody to be bombastic and arrogant to. Holmes conducts no experiments, makes no deductions. He just understands what is happening because he is so clever. You would at least expect some sparks when the men are finally brought together, but no. It is just mutual appreciation.

Even the cheeky idea about Homes' private life is handled in the most boring way imaginable. The reader is just told what it is near the beginning of the story.

I suspect that the authors were just too timid to add anything, but in places it feels as if they are actually trying to be dull.

THINGS IT IS LIKE

The War of the Worlds by HG Wells

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle

Edison's Conquest of Mars, by Garrett P. Serviss

War of the Worlds: Global Dispatches by Kevin J Anderson

Amy Sturgis says

This book traces the events described in H.G. Wells's brilliant *The War of the Worlds* and the related "The Crystal Egg" (both 1897) from the perspective (and involvement) of characters from Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes and Professor Challenger universes.

It unfolds as a series of stories told either by Edward Dunn Malone (the reporter for the London newspaper *The Daily Globe* who features in and sometimes narrates the Professor Challenger tales) or Dr. John H. Watson, Holmes's friend and biographer. These include 1: The Adventure of the Crystal Egg (by Malone), 2: Sherlock Holmes Verses Mars (by Malone), 3: George E. Challenger Verses Mars (by Malone), 4. The Adventure of the Martian Client (by Watson), 5: Venus, Mars, and Baker Street (by Watson), and perhaps the most entertaining of them all, the Appendix, which is Watson's strongly-worded letter pressing H.G. Wells to revise his erroneous account of the Martian invasion.

As a response to *The War of the Worlds*, this is a satisfying novel. The Wellmans know the original text well and fit their narrative into it seamlessly -- except when challenging Wells's account, which they do with

cleverness.

The Wellmans clearly know their Holmesian canon, too; they offer new theories about the origins of Mrs. Hudson that fit into Doyle's chronology, solve the problem of Mr. Hudson, and fold a new generation of the Moran family into Wells's narrative. Perhaps the most striking aspect of the novel is the depiction of a long-standing and discreet romance between Holmes and Mrs. Hudson, a relationship to which Watson remains completely oblivious.

Holmes and Challenger both approach the subject of the crystal egg and the invasion it foretells with the scientific rigor and intellectual curiosity one would expect. The drawback to this tale is the centrality of Challenger's character. He never rises above an annoying, cartoonish, single-note figure here, a grating contrast to the rest of the work, and I couldn't help but wish the mystery of the Martians had been left to Holmes and Watson alone. Overall, this represents a fun premise achieved with skill, but I had hoped to enjoy it more than I did.

Jc says

The Wellmans combine the world's of Doyles' two main protagonists, Sherlock Holmes and Professor Challenger, with the England of H.G.Wells War of the Worlds (adding bits from Wells' short story, "The Crystal Egg"). An entertaining read, with some fun bits, but don't expect any revelations or major changes to the Wells story. Basically, this is an en bloc retelling of the original but through the eyes of Doyle's characters. For the picky Holmesian, the Sh.H. depiction is a little weak, but otherwise the story and characters mostly work.
