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Sherlock Holmes thrives on danger. Sudden knife attacks, being stalked, and facing a network of assassins present little more than a cheery break in the monotony. But the enigmatic Lady Beatrice presents danger of a different kind. Is she a murderer or a potential victim? Or something even more perilous? Uncovering her secrets could change Holmes's life forever, and in ways even he cannot anticipate. The newly-discovered Holmes diaries shed light on a tale so potent, Watson was never permitted to reveal it.

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Reed Savory says

Not bad at all, but some glaring mistakes

As a Holmes pastiche, this one in fact wasn't bad, and in fact has a lot going for it. The framing device is unfortunately pretty weak, and the author made some pretty huge grammatical errors (a Victorian era English noblewoman would never use the phrase "I need to use the bathroom"!) and many unfortunate typos (in the Kindle edition at least) but I had a lot of fun with this book otherwise, and I would gladly recommend it as a fun read. One further note: Holmes purists will HATE this book!

Valerie says

Very good modern pastiche of a Holmes book. Schaer captures the tone of Conan Doyle's books, although this book was told by Holmes

Denise says

Fun read. Adequate addition to the Holmes collection. Needed a good proof-reader. Too many minor errors of tense, etc.

Derrick Belanger says

If there was an award for best new Sherlock Holmes character, I would give it to Lady Beatrice, the heroine of Geri Schear's delightful new pastiche A Biased Judgement. This is a fun, exciting Sherlock Holmes novel grounded in the historical events of 1897 - 1898. The story begins with a bang: Sherlock Holmes is attacked on the streets, a global conspiracy against the leaders and monarchs of the world is brewing, and a mysterious boy only known as Jack has disappeared. Who is this mysterious boy? What does he have to do with the events of the time period? What about the murdered body of a painter/ art forger?

These questions and many more are answered over the course of a multi-year story. There are multiple murders as well as multiple mysteries and they all interconnect, which makes reviewing this book a bit difficult in that I am trying to make sure I give nothing away. I will say that the fan base of this book should be beyond that of Sherlock Holmes. Those who enjoy a good Agatha Christie cozy style mystery, a spy thriller in the vein of Lacare, or even Victorian era historical fiction will love this book.

Then there is the lovely Lady Beatrice who is an instantly likable and respectable character who is on a par with Irene Adler for great Holmes women. Beatrice causes Holmes one of his most difficult problems, and he really has to eliminate the impossible to finally solve it.

This is an excellent debut novel, epic in scope yet focusing on the humanity behind the history. Ms. Schear

lets you know that behind each body discovered is a sense of true loss felt by loved ones. The connections to the actual Holmes stories from the canon that occur during the covered time frame is clever and believable.

I'll end by being blunt: Buy this book. You won't regret it.

C.R.J. Smith says

Holmes and Watson return with a case that will have them, and you, guessing until the very end. Along the way, murder and intrigue are provided by a wonderful array of new characters. The mysterious Lady Beatrice, who proves to be more than a match for the great detective, is a wonderful addition to the Holmes universe.

Told from the perspective of Holmes' personal diaries, the book also gives more recognition to Watson's talents than the humble doctor would ever allow in his own narrations.

Written with an obvious love for, and knowledge of, the source material, 'A Biased Judgment' can stand proudly alongside any of Arthur Conan Doyle's originals and I truly hope that it is the first of many new adventures.

The game is afoot!

Jane says

I thoroughly enjoyed A Biased Judgement. Geri Schear has really captured the atmosphere of Victorian London England and the style of the original cannon. I recommend it for all Holmes fans!

Jennie says

Very engaging and enjoyable. Frame story was a little odd at first, but majority of book was Holmes' diary. Exciting case work and point of view felt very in-character.
