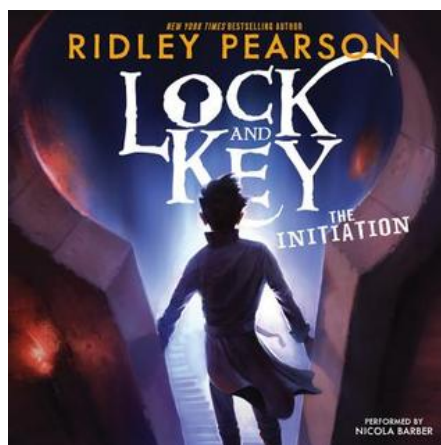




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Bestselling author of *Peter and the Starcatchers* and the *Kingdom Keepers* series, Ridley Pearson reimagines the origins of the epic rivalry between Sherlock Holmes and James Moriarty. Set in modern times and focusing on Moriarty's bone-chilling beginnings, this middle grade mystery-adventure series will upend everything you thought you ever knew about Sherlock Holmes—and the true nature of evil.

In the pantheon of literature's more impressive villains, Sherlock Holmes's greatest nemesis, James Moriarty, stands alone. As Sir Arthur Conan Doyle describes him in the classic tale "The Final Solution," Moriarty is a genius, a philosopher, and a spider in the center of his web. He is the Napoleon of crime—and now, for the first-time ever, New York Times bestselling novelist Ridley Pearson explores the origins of his evil ways.

Our story begins when James and his younger sister, Moria, are unceremoniously sent off to boarding school at Baskerville Academy. It is not a fate either want or welcome—but generations of Moriarty men have graduated from Baskerville's hallowed halls. And now so too must James. It's at Baskerville where James is first paired with a rather unexpected roommate—Sherlock Holmes. The two don't get along almost instantly, but when the school's heirloom Bible goes missing and cryptic notes with disconcerting clues start finding their way into James's hands, the two boys decide that they must work together to solve a mystery so fraught with peril, it will change both their lives forever!

It's another seat-of-your-pants mystery from the bestselling author of *Peter and the Starcatchers* and *The Kingdom Keepers* series, Ridley Pearson.

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Sophie says

This description informs you a lot about what the main idea is and has a little bit of spoilers

SHERLOCK HOLMES GOES TO BOARDING SCHOOL AND MEETS YOUNG MORIARTY BEFORE HE GOES ALL CRAZY AND SEMI EVIL!!! yes! I really like this book! I liked the plot and all the surprises! I like that James has a sister and was actually pretty nice and why he changed. I wish Mycroft was in it because he was only referenced like once. ALSO SHERLOCK AND JAMES ARE ROOMMATES! It was a really good mystery book and another version of Sherlock Holmes!

Jacqueline Ogburn says

A terrific idea, to explore what made James Moriarty into a criminal mastermind, but the execution fell flat. Told in an awkward combination of 1st person POV of little sister Moria Moriarty and third person, teenage James and his sister are sent to boarding school. James's roommate is Sherlock Holmes. She keeps telling us James is brilliant, but the only brilliance we see is Sherlock's. The character of James is never really revealed, and Sherlock outshines him, in analytic ability, arrogance, and kindness.

Jillian (PidginPea's Book Nook) says

Moria Moriarty?

Brenda Ayala says

This is my first Ridley Pearson book, and I'm not too impressed. Perhaps it's because he chose to write about such celebrated literary characters; the writing seemed too stunted and the characters were more like caricatures. Frankly, I have no idea how the whiny brat of a teenager Pearson has Moriarty portrayed as could end being the mastermind who Sherlock a run for his money. I was continuously told how smart James was but rarely did I see that intelligence put to use. More often than not I saw him acting sullen and pouty, which made it all the harder to believe that older boys were willing to follow his orders.

It's a bit of an insult to Moriarty and Sherlock both. James is a sniveling child and Sherlock is a dunderhead who keeps trying to force his friendship (for unfathomable reasons) onto this boy who clearly does not want or deserve it. Moria was the only one I liked and I know that had to do with her not being stubbornly idiotic like James or stubbornly forceful like Sherlock.

Calliope van Poe says

3.5 stars

I hate when I reread a book and it's not as good as I remember.

Scottsdale Public Library says

As a middle grade reader, I loved Sherlock Holmes stories but often tired of the old-time settings. It was just the type of reader I was; I loved mysteries and puzzles, but tended more towards modern stories. The Initiation provides all the elements I love about Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's works and places them in the current era. Not completely, I must admit. There are some flowery passages that I would have skipped over in this book as a child, but the tale, its clues, and characters would have grabbed me. As an adult reader, I was entertained and hooked, unable to set the book aside for long. Ridley Pearson tells a great tale regardless of what audience he contemplates. The characters here are 7th and 9th graders. They still cry when separated from their parents. They have trouble making friends. There is a parental death, but with so much warning that it is anticipated. This is an excellent book for fans of Sherlock Holmes and mysteries. -Suzanne R.

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HidekisoHma says

So I saw this book and i thought it looked pretty interesting. Sherlock Holmes and James Moriarty being teenagers in the current time being roommates at a sleepaway school. The twist is that the story is being told from a 1st person perspective (most of the time) of Moriarty's sister. This seemed interesting enough as there was a big mystery about a book that the three of them had to solve. It started out okay....but about halfway though started to implode upon itself.

First of all, the twist with the bible at the end....was actually very lame. In fact, it seemed that about halfway though the book really fell apart. A character dies and everything really goes downhill from there.

However, the biggest issue that i have is that none of the characters are really likable. She tries to act like James is a great brother and a good person, but all we ever see him as is a jerk. He has anger fits at the drop of a hat and hates Sherlock right off the bat. He wasn't likable and you don't feel bad for him. Sherlock is a pompous jerk and while this is usual for him, he just got very irritating and i can see why James didn't like him.

The sister on the other hand is meant to be the audience's mouthpiece. Kind of the character we're supposed to identify with. But she's a girl. So what does the author then decide to do? That's right. Drop not-so-subtle hints that in the future books there's probably going to be romance between her and Sherlock. And it was

painfully awkward implicated romance that wasn't appealing or even remotely fun. I kind of hoped the author wouldn't be so lame as to do that, butttt unfortunately he did. Lame.

In general the ending was terrible and the story itself read well enough, but I wasn't rooting for anyone. The only thing I cared about was the resolution of the mystery and that turned out to be a big fat nothing. Overall....am I going to read the second book when it comes out? (shrugs) maybe. But I won't be rushing out to buy it on release day I'll tell you that. Honestly, it was a big fat meh.

2.5/5 rounded up to a 3.

Susan says

Found this to be uneven. I enjoyed the setting and the subsequent mystery at Baskerville Academy with Holmes and the two Moriarty children but some of the talking about stuff, their knowledge or lack thereof or how they feel about certain things or how to proceed with solving the mystery lagged the book for me in places.

I also found that any scene without Holmes to be slightly less interesting than those with him. However, this probably will not keep me from reading the next book to see how Moriarty turns to the dark side.

Shauna says

I thought this was an interesting perspective on the ties that bind Sherlock and Moriarty. The narrator, James's sister, is spunky, smart, and loyal to her brother. Other reviewers stated that it was predictable and it was, BUT I am a 40 year old woman who read it, not the middle schooler it was intended for. I enjoyed getting to see a Sherlock who was not yet so aloof that human contact was almost beneath him, and a James that was confused and hurt and dealing with feelings of betrayal, but hadn't yet crossed totally into the dark side.

As a side note- I home school my children and have been discouraged by the quality of books coming out these days. I appreciate that this author kept the tone suspenseful without morbidity, and interesting without the macabre. Also the vocabulary was not "dumbed down" as if kids are incapable of inference and using context clues.

Kari says

This is the second re-imagining of the Holmes/Moriarty duo set in modern times that I have read in the past year. In this one, we meet James Moriarty and his sister Moria who get sent to Baskerville Academy for high school. James's roommate is Sherlock Holmes from London who is there on scholarship. James gets messages with hidden clues and begins to follow them not realizing there may be danger ahead.

I have mixed feelings about this book. I did think it is a good middle grade level mystery. There are some clever puzzles to solve amid the pages that give it a mysterious air. It was very much a first book in a series as it lays the groundwork for the characters and the world. I liked Sherlock and his willingness to make friends with James. His character was very true to form as he is very intelligent and speaks his mind. I also enjoyed Moria's character, She is definitely the smarter of the two siblings. I also enjoyed her friendship with Sherlock.

What I didn't really care for was James. He was whiny, ungrateful and plain rude. It wasn't hard to see why he would become an evil mastermind in his later years. Frankly, as a teen, I found him annoying. The story ends with a lot of unanswered questions that I hope will be answered in the next book.

Richard Denney says

3.5 STARS!

"The Da Vinci Code meets Elementary."

I was really looking forward to this one after seeing it on Goodreads a few months ago. I was interested in reading a retelling of Sherlock Holmes that had Sherlock and his arch-nemesis Moriarty both attending the same boarding school as young teens. After getting a hold of a copy, I had hyped myself up for this book and I really wish I hadn't. Don't get me wrong, it was a really fun and adventurous story but what made it not as exciting to me was the introduction of romance between our main protagonist and the ever-fantastic Sherlock Holmes. It was not necessary for the story AT ALL and for me damaged my full enjoyment of the book. Personally I don't see a place for romance in Middle-Grade books, it's best for YA in my opinion. Romance in Middle-Grade to me does nothing but water down a story.

I tried my best not to let it ruin the rest of the book for me and I'm happy to say it didn't ruin it entirely. This was a fun, quick, and thrilling read but it was a tad too soft for me. I will explain that more in my Book Thoughts video for this but you all know I love some DARK Middle-Grade books and this lacked in darkness quite a bit. But I still enjoyed the story and will be reading further installments for Sherlock Holmes's character in this book. He saved the book for me.

Would I recommend it? of course, it's not a waste of time at all. It was definitely a good time read. But I do have to say it's not a MUST-READ. Looking forward to book 2 to see what this story has in store and to see how these unsolved mysteries in the first book are put to rest. :) - Richard

Sam says

2.5 stars - if I was being generous, I'd up it to 3 stars, but I had two problems:

1) Why make it contemporary if the children were still going to talk like formal Victorians? Maybe that's what rich white American kids normally sound like, but it sounded forced and not at all 21st century. Of course, Pearson tried to modernize it by dropping references to Snapchat (how many middle grade readers use Snapchat/what are they using it for??) and books like Harry Potter or The Da Vinci Code (so random and oddly dated?), but it probably would have been better to keep it in the past.

2) Why did it have to be from Moria's POV (side note: Moria Moriarty?? It's like he didn't even try to come up with a girl's name)? I get that she became an important character, but having her tell the story meant I often felt like I was a step removed from the action, especially in the James and/or Sherlock scenes. It was a "clever" plot device, but it didn't feel efficient - I ended up not caring about any of the characters because I couldn't get into their heads.

Martine says

3.5/5

Amanda says

Although I enjoyed this book, I felt it paled in comparison to Peter and the Starcatchers, and I honestly don't find myself likely to finish this series any time soon. It's cute, but not terribly memorable. I found the pace to be a bit slow, and overall this was just not a huge stunner for me.
