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**SHERLOCK HOLMES**

**The Tangled Skein**

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And now I pass on to another thread which I have extricated out of the tangled skein.  
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DR JOHN H. WATSON

*The Hound of the Baskervilles*

## FOREWORD

When Mr Davies approached me to write this foreword, I must admit I felt rather dubious about *Holmes v. Dracula*. As all readers of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's stories will know, the great detective's services were called upon to investigate a Vampire scare in Lamberley, Sussex ('... south of Horsham ...') which turned out to be nothing more bloodthirsty than a jealous young son, who inflicted a wound upon his baby step-brother's neck, which looked like the marks of teeth. But Bram Stoker's *Dracula* is a very different kettle of fish — or perhaps I should say, cauldron of leeches!

I need not have had any doubts. Mr Davies has combined most cleverly the creations of two famous authors, and written a stunning yarn, which holds our interest and attention from the very beginning, when Sherlock Holmes and the Tangled Skein the scene is set in those much-loved rooms at 221B Baker Street, with a good old London 'pea-souper' pervading the streets.

Although there is a smattering of quotes lifted straight from the original stories, Mr Davies's tale is more than a mere pastiche of The Canon, and his Sherlock Holmes and the Tangled Skein vivid descriptive passages of action make one long to see 'the film of the book'!

There was an article in the Daily Telegraph recently, written by Adrian Berry, in which a Professor Frank Tipler predicted that we shall all be resurrected before this earth's remaining 20,000 million years — give or take a week or two — Sherlock Holmes and the Tangled Skein are over. The common view among physicists, apparently, is that everything that *can* happen *must* Sherlock Holmes and the Tangled Skein happen. Tipler is Professor of Mathematical Physics at Tulane University in New Orleans, and a former senior research fellow at Oxford; he cannot prove his theory yet, but his present knowledge Sherlock Holmes and the Tangled Skein leads him to believe it is completely logical.

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Holmes's logic and practical nature make it hard for him to accept the evidence of vampirism, but there are many cards up Mr Davies's sleeve, which he plays in a most ingenious way before Holmes is finally convinced by Professor Van Helsing and his knowledge of the Sherlock Holmes and the Tangled Skein subject. It was intriguing to read the proposition in the newspaper and the fiction of

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