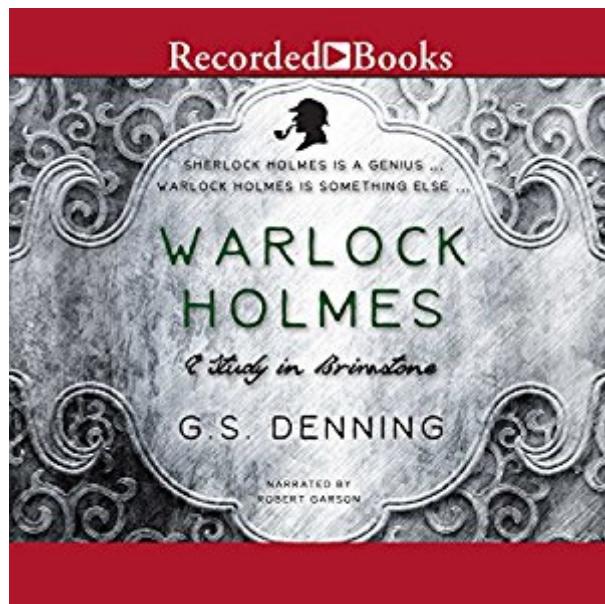


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# Warlock Holmes: A Study In Brimstone



## Synopsis

Sherlock Holmes is an unparalleled genius who uses the gift of deduction and reason to solve the most vexing of crimes. Warlock Holmes, however, is an idiot. A good man, perhaps; a font of arcane power, certainly. But he's brilliantly dim. Frankly, he couldn't deduce his way out of a paper bag. The only things he really has going for him are the might of a thousand demons and his stalwart flatmate. Thankfully, Dr. Watson is always there to aid him through the treacherous shoals of Victorian propriety and save him from a gruesome death every now and again. An imaginative, irreverent, and addictive reimaging of the world's favorite detective, Warlock Holmes retains the charm, tone, and feel of the original stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle while finally giving the flat at 221b Baker Street what it's been missing for all these years: an alchemy table. Reimagining six stories, this riotous mash-up is a glorious new take on the ever-popular Sherlock Holmes myth, featuring the vampire Inspector Vladislav Lestrade; the ogre Inspector Torg Grogsson; and Dr. Watson, the true detective at 221b. And Sherlock. A warlock.

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## Customer Reviews

I got about 20% into it before I got bored and quit. It had a very interesting start, with Watson the normal human meeting Warlock Holmes and ending up rooming with him out of necessity. And the prediction of doom promised something interesting going on. But after a while it just seemed to have no real point to it. It was more silly than funny, and after a while the oddness just got old. It seemed that it tried too hard to put a twist to -everything- in the Holmes universe, thus making it feel more like reading a kids comic book rather than reading a story. It became a one-trick pony pretty

quickly. I think it would have done a lot better as a short story, one case, and only picked a few things to twist up. There just wasn't enough to keep it going for me after a certain point.

I really want to rate this book higher. I really do. A spellcasting variant on Sherlock Holmes? Brilliant! Unfortunately, while there's a good structure here to build on, it needs some work. Warlock is a twit - by design, to be sure - but an uninteresting one. His eccentricities are on the drab side and while he does evoke the same solve - by - luck effect that Inspector Gadget or the tv version of Dirk Gently rely on, his bumbling is less endearing. That being said, there are real moments of entertainment to be had here. The narrator, Doctor John Watson (of course) is entertaining, particularly as - with absolutely no detective training whatsoever - he generally manages to be a more capable investigator than either Warlock or his monstrous allies from Scotland Yard. Further, his evolving reactions as he gets exposed to more and more of the strange side of life are both believable and entertaining. All in all, Denning has crafted a solid platform for him to build on. Not exactly Sherlock quality, but certainly something to keep an eye on.

This is not exactly my genre, but I know and love the illustrator's work, so made the purchase. I was pleasantly surprised by the clever and entertaining storyline, and the quality of writing.

I enjoyed Dr. Watson and his revised role. The story was fast paced and interesting with just enough mystery to keep the reader hooked into the story.

A capital book indeed! Well done sir, I shall anticipate your forthcoming works with both pleasure and impatience. Most amusing.

I loved every bit of it. I cannot wait for the next book.

If you like paranormal mystery novels, Sherlock Holmes and humor, you will love this book! Look forward to the next one!

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