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Rave Reviews Not Lost on *Sherlock Holmes' Lost Adventure* by Lauren Steinhauer

"[Steinhauer has] produced a breathlessly exciting short novel that involves Holmes and Watson with an evil genius whose accomplishments dwarf those of ex-Professor Moriarty. Here you'll find science gone mad. You'll meet Charles Darwin, Gregor Mendel and a descendant of Charles Babbage (no, none of them is the villain). You'll encounter a Victorian computer and the mysterious wisdom of an eastern cult of illuminati. And of course there are those giant rats — yes, rats in the plural. It's a heady mixture, and it would make a grand movie, should the makers of *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen* be looking for another property. This is not really Conan Doyle's Holmes, but it is jolly good fun."

Roger Johnson

The District Messenger

The Official Newsletter of the Sherlock Holmes Society of London

Beware where you walk after dark in the poorer sections of London as they were in the days of Sherlock Holmes. Remember my warning as you begin *The True Story of the Giant Rats of Sumatra*. A story containing adventure, missing children, mysterious ladies, stolen typewriters and strange creatures never seen before, this is a tale that will keep you turning the pages, wanting to know what will happen next. You will be reminded of *The Phantom of the Opera* and the terror found in *The Hound of the Baskervilles* as the story takes you to far corners of the earth and down into the hidden passages beneath London. Talented author Lauren Steinhauer has held true to the writing style of Sherlock's earlier adventures so fans of the great detective will find it a fun read. A pleasant way to spend an evening, but if you must go out, step lively. One never knows what will crawl out of the sewer. Enjoy.

Anne K. Edwards

New Mystery Reader Magazine

There was a time when self-publishing oneself evoked some scorn, but many authors today find this the best way to find an audience for their work. A case in point is Lauren Steinhauer who called me one evening to tell me he had written a book based on Arthur Conan Doyle's famed detective, *Sherlock Holmes's Lost Adventure: The True Story of the Giant Rats of Sumatra* (\$12.95, iUniverse) It takes a lot of chutzpa to walk in the footsteps of the great author, but Steinhauer has read his entire genre and it must be said his Sherlock Holmes does the master homage and provides a very entertaining story that takes Holmes and Dr. Watson across Europe in pursuit of a murderer. Beginning with the mundane theft of a typewriter, we soon learn of a new arch villain. The author evokes a Victorian London lighted by gaslight and has written a delightful mystery. To learn more and to purchase the novel, visit www.LaurenSteinhauer.com.

Alan Caruba

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