

## The Chess Mysteries Of Sherlock Holmes

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With curriculum links across a range of subjects, this book is intended for use in normal lessons, enrichment activities, for homework, on thinking skills courses, as competitions or as activities for extracurricular clubs or societies. Written with busy teachers in mind, it includes helpful resources.

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exercises, and a mathematical novel

Publisher Fact Sheet Recalling Stephen Pinker's *The Language Instinct*, the author argues that humans are born with an "instinct for puzzles" that betrays a larger search for the meaning of life. This "instinct" has led to discoveries in mathematics and science, as well as revolutions in philosophical thought.

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This compilation, comprising a Baker's (street) Dozen of his adventures, re-creates the gas-lit, fog-enshrouded world of Victorian London as once more Sherlock Holmes urges - Come, Watson, the game is afoot!

Martin Gardner wrote the *Mathematical Games* column for *Scientific American* for twenty-five years and published more than seventy books on topics as

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diverse as magic, religion, and Alice in Wonderland. Gardner's illuminating autobiography is a candid self-portrait by the man evolutionary theorist Stephen Jay Gould called our "single brightest beacon" for the defense of rationality and good science against mysticism and anti-intellectualism. Gardner takes readers from his childhood in Oklahoma to his varied and wide-ranging professional pursuits. He shares colorful anecdotes about the many fascinating people he met and mentored, and voices strong opinions on the subjects that matter to him most, from his love of mathematics to his uncompromising stance against pseudoscience. For Gardner, our mathematically structured universe is undiluted hocus-pocus—a marvelous enigma, in other words. Undiluted Hocus-Pocus offers a rare, intimate look at Gardner's life and work, and the experiences that shaped both.

Sherlock Holmes: The Hero With a Thousand Faces ambitiously takes on the task of explaining the continued popularity of Arthur Conan Doyle's famous detective over the course of three centuries. In plays, films, TV shows, and other media, one generation after another has reimagined Holmes as a romantic hero, action hero, gentleman hero, recovering drug addict, weeping social crusader, high-functioning sociopath, and so on. In essence, Sherlock Holmes has become the blank slate upon which we write the heroic formula that best suits our time and place.

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Volume One looks at the social and cultural environment in which Sherlock Holmes came to fame. Victorian novelists like Anthony Trollope and William Thackeray had pointedly written "novels without a hero," because in their minds any well-ordered and well-mannered society would have no need for heroes or heroic behavior. Unfortunately, this was at odds with a reality in which criminals like Jack the Ripper stalked the streets and people didn't trust the police, who were generally regarded as corrupt and incompetent. Into this gap stepped the world's first consulting detective, an amateur reasoner of some repute by the name of Sherlock Holmes, who shot to fame in the pages of *The Strand Magazine* in 1891. When Conan Doyle proceeded to kill Holmes off in 1893, it was American playwright, director, and actor William Gillette who brought the character back to life in his 1899 play *Sherlock Holmes*, creating a sensation on both sides of the Atlantic with his romantic version of Holmes, and cementing his place as the definitive Sherlock Holmes until the late 1930s. By that point, Sherlock Holmes had developed a cult following who facetiously maintained that Holmes was a real person, formed clubs like *The Baker Street Irregulars*, and introduced the idea of cosplay to the embryonic world of fandom. These well-educated fanboys subsequently became the self-assigned protectors of Sherlock Holmes, anxious that their

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version of the character not be besmirched or defamed in any way. In spite of this, there was considerable besmirching and defaming to be seen in the early silent films featuring Sherlock Holmes, which effectively turned him into an action hero due to the lack of sound. When sound films took the industry by storm in the late 1920s, there were a numbers of pretenders who reached for the Sherlock Holmes crown, including Clive Brook, Reginald Owen, and Raymond Massey, but it took more than a decade before a new definitive Sherlock Holmes would be crowned in 1939 in the person of Basil Rathbone.

This third puzzle eBook contains a collection of 50 puzzles or riddles with their solutions. These brain teasers require insight to solve but not brute force. Some of them rely on common sense. Others are AHA or GOTCHA puzzles that Martin Gardner loved. There are some that rely on lateral thinking while others require convoluted logic to solve. Of interest are some uncommon puzzles such as cross numbers and puzzles extracted from real life situations. When selecting the puzzles, two attempts were made: 1) Not to include commonly available puzzles 2) Not to include puzzles that require general knowledge or expertise in specific domains (such as math or algebra). The intended age bracket is from early teens onwards.

Characters from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

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and Through the Looking-Glass populate these 88 intriguing puzzles. Mathematician Raymond Smullyan re-creates the spirit of Lewis Carroll's writings in puzzles involving word play, logic and metalogic, and philosophical paradoxes. Challenges range from easy to difficult and include solutions, plus 60 charming illustrations. "An ingenious book." — Boston Globe.

The Mystery Fancier, Volume 4 Number 4, July/August, 1980, contains: "Little Old Men With Whom I'm Only Slightly Acquainted," by Ellen Nehr, "The Dilemma of Datcher," by E. F. Bleiler, "Spy Series Characters in Hardback, Part III," by Barry Van Tilburg, "Leslie Charteris and the Saint: Five Decades of Partnership," by Jan Alexandersson and Iwan Hedman, and "The Great Merlini," by Fred Dueren.

This is an exciting if not rambling account of events of Raymond Smullyan's four lives — as a mathematical logician, musician, magician, and author — together with thoughts that come to his mind as he recalls them. This book includes topics from some of Smullyan's twenty-six books, as well as many of his favorite anecdotes and jokes. It also presents some generalizations of theorems of the great logicians Gödel and Tarski, and discusses logic in general, and how he won his wife with a logic trick! Smullyan also relates some of his teaching experiences, and expresses his views on





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works. Finally, we accompany the Sorcerer on an alluring tour of Infinity which includes George Cantor's amazing mathematical insights. The tour (and the book) ends with Satan devising a diabolical puzzle for one of Cantor's prize students—who outwits him! In sum: a devilish magician's cornucopia of puzzles—a delight for every age and level of ability.

Join Holmes and Watson as they examine interrupted games to deduce prior moves. A series of increasingly complex chess mysteries culminates in a double murder perpetrated by Professor Moriarty. The master sleuth instructs his companion (and us) in the intricacies of retrograde analysis; readers need only a knowledge of how the pieces move.

With devoted scholarship and an appreciation for what he terms "the lure of the labyrinth," Matthews explores accounts of ancient mazes, the "meanders" of Greek and Roman times, theories on the meaning of church labyrinths, the hedge maze, and more. All important or exceptional examples are illustrated with 151 line drawings.

A bibliography of various mystery novels published between November 1976 and Fall 1992.

Look for a garbage can with a layer cake for a lid and a crocodile with a mushroom in his snout! Thirty-eight pages of seek-and-find activities depict cute little animals in wacky, fun-to-color scenes.

Compelling tips and tricks to improve your mental skills Don't you wish you were just a little smarter? Ron and MartyHale-Evans can help with a vast array of witty, practical techniques

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that tune your brain to peak performance. Founded in current research, *Mindhacker* features 60 tips, tricks, and games to develop your mental potential. This accessible compilation helps improve memory, accelerate learning, manage time, spark creativity, hone math and logic skills, communicate better, think more clearly, and keep your mind strong and flexible.

A lively and engaging look at logic puzzles and their role in recreation, mathematics, and philosophy. Logic puzzles were first introduced to the public by Lewis Carroll in the late nineteenth century and have been popular ever since. Games like Sudoku and Mastermind are fun and engrossing recreational activities, but they also share deep foundations in mathematical logic and are worthy of serious intellectual inquiry. *Games for Your Mind* explores the history and future of logic puzzles while enabling you to test your skill against a variety of puzzles yourself. In this informative and entertaining book, Jason Rosenhouse begins by introducing readers to logic and logic puzzles and goes on to reveal the rich history of these puzzles. He shows how Carroll's puzzles presented Aristotelian logic as a game for children, yet also informed his scholarly work on logic. He reveals how another pioneer of logic puzzles, Raymond Smullyan, drew on classic puzzles about liars and truth-tellers to illustrate Kurt Gödel's theorems and illuminate profound questions in mathematical logic. Rosenhouse then presents a new vision for the future of logic puzzles based on nonclassical logic, which is used today in computer science and automated reasoning to manipulate large and sometimes contradictory sets of data. Featuring a wealth of sample puzzles ranging from simple to extremely challenging, this lively and engaging book brings together many of the most ingenious puzzles ever devised, including the "Hardest Logic Puzzle Ever," metapuzzles, paradoxes, and the logic puzzles in detective stories.

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Forever Undecided is the most challenging yet of Raymond Smullyan's puzzle collections. It is, at the same time, an introduction—ingenious, instructive, entertaining—to Gödel's famous theorems. With all the wit and charm that have delighted readers of his previous books, Smullyan transports us once again to that magical island where knights always tell the truth and knaves always lie. Here we meet a new and amazing array of characters, visitors to the island, seeking to determine the natives' identities. Among them: the census-taker McGregor; a philosophical-logician in search of his flighty bird-wife, Oona; and a regiment of Reasoners (timid ones, normal ones, conceited, modest, and peculiar ones) armed with the rules of propositional logic (if  $X$  is true, then so is  $Y$ ). By following the Reasoners through brain-tingling exercises and adventures—including journeys into the "other possible worlds" of Kripke semantics—even the most illogical of us come to understand Gödel's two great theorems on incompleteness and undecidability, some of their philosophical and mathematical implications, and why we, like Gödel himself, must remain Forever Undecided!

This "best of" hardcover collection of works by Raymond Smullyan features logic puzzles, musings on mathematical logic and paradoxes, chess problems, and thoughts on the philosophy of religion, plus personal tributes to the author. Eighty paradoxes, logical labyrinths, and intriguing enigmas progress from light fables and fancies to challenging Zen exercises and a novella and probe the timeless questions of philosophy and life

Stimulating and delightful, this collection of puzzles features original and classic brainteasers. The author, a puzzle columnist for *Le Monde*, specially selected these mind-benders for the widest possible audience, ensuring that they're neither too hard for those without a math background nor too easy for the mathematically adept. Includes solutions.

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"Another scintillating collection of brilliant problems and paradoxes by the most entertaining logician and set theorist who ever lived." — Martin Gardner. Inspired by the classic tale of a prisoner's dilemma, these whimsically themed challenges involve paradoxes about probability, time, and change; metapuzzles; and self-referentiality. Nineteen chapters advance in difficulty from relatively simple to highly complex. Copyrighted 1973 by Librairie Generale Francaise, 1973. Chess, the ancient strategy game, meets the latest, cutting-edge philosophy in this unique book. When 12 philosophers weigh in on one of the world's oldest and most beloved pastimes, the results are often surprising. Philosophical concepts as varied as phenomenology and determinism share the page with a treatise on hip-hop chess tactics and the question of whether Garry Kasparov is, in fact, a cyborg. Putting forth a remarkable array of different views on chess from philosophers with varied chess-proficiency, *Philosophy Looks at Chess* is an engaging read for chess adherents and the philosophically inclined alike.

This is an encyclopedic work, arranged by broad categories and then by original authors, of literary pastiches in which fictional characters have reappeared in new works after the deaths of the authors that created them. It includes book series that have continued under a deceased writer's real or pen name, undisguised offshoots issued under the new writer's name, posthumous collaborations in which a deceased author's unfinished manuscript is completed by another writer, unauthorized pastiches, and "biographies" of literary characters. The authors and works are entered under the following categories: Action and Adventure, Classics (18th Century and Earlier), Classics (19th Century), Classics (20th Century), Crime and Mystery, Espionage, Fantasy and Horror, Humor, Juveniles (19th Century), Juveniles (20th Century), Poets, Pulp, Romances, Science Fiction and

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Westerns. Each original author entry includes a short biography, a list of original works, and information on the pastiches based on the author's characters.

In this entertaining and challenging new collection of logic puzzles, Raymond Smullyan—author of *What Is the Name of This Book?* and *The Lady or the Tiger?*—continues to delight and astonish us with his gift for making available, in the thoroughly pleasurable form of puzzles, some of the most important mathematical thinking of our time. In the first part of the book, he transports us once again to that wonderful realm where knights, knaves, twin sisters, quadruplet brothers, gods, demons, and mortals either always tell the truth or always lie, and where truth-seekers are set a variety of fascinating problems. The section culminates in an enchanting and profound metapuzzle (a puzzle about a puzzle), in which Inspector Craig of Scotland Yard gets involved in a search of the Fountain of Youth on the Island of Knights and Knaves. In the second and larger section, we accompany the Inspector on a summer-long adventure into the field of combinatory logic (a branch of logic that plays an important role in computer science and artificial intelligence). His adventure, which includes enchanted forests, talking birds, bird sociologists, and a classic quest, provides for us along the way the pleasure of solving puzzles of increasing complexity until we reach the Master Forest and—thanks to Gödel's famous theorem—the final revelation. *To Mock a Mockingbird* will delight all puzzle lovers—the curious neophytes as well as the serious students of logic, mathematics, or computer science.

This unique book presents mathematical competition problems primarily aimed at upper elementary school students, but are challenging for students at any age. These problems are drawn from the complete papers of the legendary Leningrad Mathematical Olympiads that were



