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When a young governess, unemployed and desperate for a position, accepts a job with a couple living in a remote country home, her positive first impressions of the man and his family begin to change. With a mixture of fear and uncertainty, she asks Sherlock Holmes to investigate the increasingly disturbing events that have begun to unfold around her.

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Jason Donoghue says

Although an enjoyable read it was predictable

Cora ? Tea Party Princess says

5 Words: Perfect length for a cuppa.

Ok, this was perhaps my favourite of these short stories.

I love how close they got, how Holmes was right.

And I'm getting better at this - I guessed this one too!

Aishu Rehman says

By the time The Adventure of the Copper Beeches was published, Sherlock Holmes had dealt with a wide range of criminal cases, taking in murder, theft and blackmail. Intermixed with these criminal cases though, were cases that were not necessarily criminal, including the likes of The Adventure of the Noble Bachelor. It seemed that The Adventure of the Copper Beeches would fall into this latter, non-criminal case, with the client simply reporting some strange requests made of her by a potential employer; but there is a darker side to the story, something that goes beyond the eccentricities of an employer.

The Adventure of the Copper Beeches contains no great mystery for Sherlock Holmes, or the reader, and as a result, the story is simply one where the narrative is allowed to run its course. The lack of mystery though, doesn't make the story a bad read, and in its own way is a memorable Sherlock Holmes adventure.

The Adventure of the Copper Beeches has been dramatised by both the BBC and Granada. In 1965 Douglas Wilmer would appear as Holmes in an episode of Sherlock Holmes, whilst 20 years later, Jeremy Brett would reprise the role in The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.

Dani Jade says

"The Adventure of the Copper Beeches" is the twelfth and final story in the *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* story collection, the third publication in the Sherlock Holmes series (after the first two novels, so the first story collection).

Holmes assists a young lady who has accepted an extremely well paying governess position, but that comes with very strange and specific requirements - She must cut off her lovely hair, and wear a specific dress to

tea each day.

A stronger story, in my opinion, than the previous two in this collection, and a good way to finish The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.

Zineb Elfellah says

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Darinda says

The twelfth and final short story in *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*. A young woman asks Sherlock Holmes to help her solve a mystery about her peculiar employer. Interesting and entertaining.

Trook Alharbi says

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LGandT says

I liked this one. The ending was not quite how I imagined it.

Mohammed Ali says

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Jaksen says

One of the better (and longer) in the series featuring Mr. Holmes and his faithful sidekick, Dr. Watson.

Holmes is asked to investigate the circumstances behind a young woman's new position as governess, in that she's asked to some 'odd things' as part of her job. No, it doesn't involve sex, but it does involve wearing certain clothes, behaving in certain ways; as well, it pays about four times what the average governess would have earned at the time.

Now, I figured this one out early, but it took away none of the enjoyment of this story. Holmes is in his best form, Dr. Watson is eagerly at this side, and the young woman in question - named Violet, and one of four Violets which feature in the Holmes series - was well-portrayed. Sir Arthur didn't skimp on details, neither did he write her as clinging, weak-minded, or in need of 'male rescue.' In fact, all she wanted was help in figuring out the situation she found herself in.

And she got it.

Great Holmes story.

Thomas says

I have not read many Sherlock Holmes stories, but from what I have gathered, few of them feature a female heroine as independent and curious as Violet Hunter. In "The Adventure of the Copper Beeches," Holmes "helps" Miss Hunter (whose name should speak for itself) solve the mystery of her employer, who makes odd requests of her, such as asking her to cut her hair. However, Violet Hunter, who works as a Governess, does a lot of the detective work herself, and her narrative propels the tale forward to a thrilling and satisfying conclusion. Recommended to fans of mystery and to those who want a somewhat Victorian twist in their Sherlock Holmes stories.

Nina says

The last of the Sherlock Holmes short stories in the collection I read, and my favourite. It had a very gothic feel about it sometimes, the female "heroine" is not the classic good-for-nothing fainting type and the mystery is well set up. Plus, there's more of Holmes and Watson in this one than there has been for a while, and I really love the two.

Data, data, data!" cried Holmes. "I cannot make bricks without clay!"

Now I'm off to a full-length Sherlock story. The short stories were entertaining but too...well, short.

Jason Parent says

I could see every detail of this one playing out in my mind, and it had the makings of a great horror tale as well as a mystery.

Sarita says

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Allie Mayenschein (alliecatreads) says

This was nothing like I thought it was going to be. I was pretty confident this was going to be a five-star read because it seemed very boring in the beginning but then it escalated and so much was happening. It actually ended up being a super enjoyable read!

Masteatro says

Con esta aventura termino propiamente con "The adventures of Sherlock Holmes" y debo decir que esta en concreto me ha encantado: misterio, una institutriz, una casa alejada, un cuarto cerrado y unos jefes con unos caprichos muy particulares, todo ello desentrañado, claro está, por la sagacidad habitual de Holmes. Una delicia.

Tadiana ☆Night Owl? says

This Sherlock Holmes short story wraps up the The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes collection, and does so creditably. Sherlock receives a letter from one Violet Hunter, asking for his help. Miss Hunter is a young, out-of-work governess who's now destitute and anxious to find a new position. She receives an offer from a Mr. Jephro Rucastle, for an unusually high salary of £100 a year - almost too good to be true.

But there are some odd conditions for this position: that she sometimes sit for a while in a particular chair in their country home, the Copper Beeches; that she sometimes wear a particular electric blue dress that they will give her; and that she cut her hair short. The last is the most difficult one for Miss Hunter, as she's proud of her long hair that's an unusual chestnut color. When the annual salary offer is increased to £120, triple the normal rate, though, she decides to go ahead and accept the job ... after consulting with Sherlock Holmes.

Holmes discourages her - the offer seems suspicious to him - but when Miss Hunter decides to go ahead and take the job anyway, he tells her to send him a telegram if she's ever in distress or danger. Sure enough, within two weeks there's an urgent telegram from Miss Hunter at the Copper Beeches, requesting him to

secretly meet her as soon as possible.

The Sherlock Holmes Museum

Sherlock Holmes (and Dr. Watson) to the rescue!

The mystery itself is very Victorian but still interesting. There's an appropriately menacing villain, a giant dog that prowls the premises looking for people to eat, and a servant with a surprising story to tell.

A solid way to end my 2017 reading of original Sherlock Holmes short stories by Doyle!

Lillian Bittle says

Aw, Violet would have been perfect for Holmes!!! But it is not to be, I suppose... :(

Yousra says

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