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**Bert Coules : The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: v. 2 (BBC Radio Collection)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: v. 2 (BBC Radio Collection):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. If it Seems Like Conan Doyle, But Is Not Conan Doyle, And all other Possibilities Have been eliminated, It Must Be the BBC By JeremyFour more original tales, fully dramatized, from the BBC, starring Clive Merrison as Holmes and Andrew Sachs (who has replaced the late Michael Williams) as Dr. Watson, and all of them written by Bert Coules are pure manna from heaven. All four stories recapture the wonderful ambiance of Doyle's Victorian London--they are ingenious tales filled with fascinating characters which will have you wondering how you missed reading them even though you've reread the Canon many times. Coules who is always dead on, is at his absolute best in his depiction of the Holmes-Watson relationship, they're banter, they're clear but seldom spoken affection for each other, and even the way they annoy each other. "The Abergavenny Murder" is my favorite among favorites. Holmes is moping around disconsolately. It seems Lestrade has had a run of successes solving three major cases, and had the temerity to never once consult Holmes on them. Watson's consolations only serve to irritate Holmes, who has turned his energies to some abstruse chemical experiment which he is making a total hash of. Then someone is hear climbing the steps--Perhaps a client? A man enters, looks at Watson says something to him and then to Holmes he utters his fear, and collapses. Holmes scurries to get the brandy, while Watson after a brief

examination, tells him not to bother, the man is dead. Holmes quickly changes his viewpoint from seeing a man who needs his help to delightedly appraising a corpse who has brought him a case, a "pretty little puzzle." The dead man has absolutely nothing in his pockets. The entire story takes place entirely in their Baker Street rooms, with, other than the visitor who quickly becomes a body, no one else appearing in the entire story. And with virtually nothing to go on, Holmes and Watson, very much together, proceed to solve the case. It is superbly entertaining, at times delightfully funny, and comes to a thoroughly satisfactory conclusion for Holmes, Watson, and you. Now you've got three more cases to listen to. Three more brand new ones. Lucky you.

The Abergavenny Murder/The Shameful Betrayal of Miss Emily Smith/The Tragedy of Hanbury Street/The Determined Client In the fifty-six short stories and four novels Arthur Conan Doyle wrote about his great detective, there are many passing references to successful cases that are never actually written about. This second volume of four stories, written by the main dramatist on the complete BBC Radio 4 Sherlock Holmes canon, imaginatively flesh out the cases behind those references to wonderful effect. As in the complete dramatised canon, Clive Merrison plays the great sleuth with the role of Doctor Watson played by Andrew Sachs. Cast includes Lindsay Duncan, Mark Gatiss, Christian Rodska, Ioan Meredith and Joanna McCallum. Of the first series the Daily Telegraph said - 'A joy from beginning to end ...ingenious extensions of the Conan Doyle originals'

About the Author Bert Coules was the head writer on the BBC's unique project to dramatise all sixty of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories with the same two actors, Clive Merrison and Michael Williams, in the leading roles. He also wrote four series of entirely new Holmes mysteries. Among his other radio credits are several dramatisations of Ian Rankin's 'Rebus' novels; The Thirty-Nine Steps (based on the John Buchan novel) and two further adventures featuring Richard Hannay, The Three Hostages and Mr Standfast.