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The Lost World
The Poison Belt
The Land of Mist
The Disintegration Machine
When the World Screamed

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Martin says

Once you get into it, it's hard to put down! Slow to get started, but the second half of the book is fantastic! For those readers who love a good "lost world" story, well told and with plenty of exciting action and detail, this book is a must. One terrific scene follows another, and the principal characters, especially the incomparable Professor Challenger, are well drawn. It should come as no surprise that this novel is far superior to the silent film of the '20s that was made following the book's huge success. I won't even go into that recent popular dinosaur novel/movie that ripped off Conan Doyle's title. In short, hey--they don't call these books classics for nothing!

Rebecca altman says

I am reading some of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's works on Challenger now but I am not sure if they are all of his stories. What a fascinating character Pro. Challenger turns out to be. I must say I have almost fallen in love with Lord Roxton as well. I have to echo the words of another reviewer that SACDoyle comes awfully close to overtaking Verne in the Si-fi world.

Holly says

I don't get why these stories aren't more popular. I think they are hilarious and wonderful and achieve everything that Conan Doyle did through Sherlock Holmes, but fresher because NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT PROFESSOR CHALLENGER.

Mike (the Paladin) says

I always preferred Professor Challenger to Holmes, as a matter of fact i was never a big Holmes fan, but I am a fan of the Professor. I stumbled over these stories years ago wandering through the "stacks" or shelves at the library of a small town where I lived. It was the late 70s and employment was "iffy" in a lot of the country and my family was just getting by....very little to spend on books. But there was a bit of time when I wasn't working so....check out the library. The local library in the town where we lived at that time (which has since been replaced by a larger more modern building) had 3 stories of shelved books. The top floors were of a kind of glass tile which allowed light through...odd feeling walking around on what was some kind of glass flooring 3 floors up. A wrought iron spiral staircase wound up through the floors in the center of each room. It was there that I found this book.

It's not usual to wander through the library shelves anymore in this day of going to the library web sight and finding certain books. The library here purges their shelves regularly and books that don't get frequent use are removed from the system to make room for other more popular material.

Looking at this book and remembering how I found it, I wonder what I'm (we're) missing and what's vanishing from the shelves.

Kay says

There's a lot more to Arthur Conan Doyle than the Sherlock Holmes stories. The character of Challenger, unlike Holmes, is an excitable and passionate character, given to outburst of temper. The best-known Challenger story (there were five all told) was "The Lost World," but the other four are equally entertaining. Doyle seems to be stepping into Jules Verne territory here with these tales of disintegration machines and poisonous space gases. This ones for ACD fans and those (like myself) addicted to the sorts of fantastic and romantic tales featured in Victorian magazines such as *The Strand*.

Amanda says

i think my favorite story was the lost world, but they're all fun.

Rozonda says

Conan Doyle was a master at creating unforgettable, unique characters. Professor Challenger, like Sherlock Holmes or Brigadier Gerard, is a larger-than-life character who remains very much alive a century after this book was published. Bad-tempered but kind-hearted Challenger and his friends- another touchy professor, an adventurous sportsman and his very own Watson, journalist Edward Malone-live adventures that deal with issues which remain interesting for today's reader: dinosaurs, spirits, and even the consequences of not listening to the earth's needs. A man ahead of his time in many ways, Conan Doyle shows it again in this book.

Scordatura says

Let's just say, Conan Doyle is pathologically unable to put a foot wrong.

Anne Lydolf says

Well written stories with colourful characters but some have sadly not aged very well.

Peter Jones says

I was left rather unimpressed by the four Professor Challenger stories that were new to me. The Poison Belt was rather morbid for my tastes. The Land of Mist contradicted character developments from The Poison

Belt (excused by some comment by the narrator about "works of fiction being passed off as accounts of the professor", in my paraphrase). The disintegration machine was an interesting one-off, but Professor Challenger seemed rather unscientific at the end. And When the World Screamed was okay, but nothing to entice me to read it again. I'd probably rate the five stories as a 5, a 3, a 2, and two more 3s, so I'll give the collection as a whole 3.2 stars.

Mary says

It is perhaps difficult to believe that the author of the Sherlock Holmes stories could write these stories, which run the gamut from an adventure novel ("The Lost World") to science fiction ("The Disintegration Machine," "The Poison Belt") to a philosophical tract, thinly disguised as a novel, in favor of spiritualism ("The Land of Mist"). Readers should prepare for wooden characterization, an extreme lack of female characters, and casual racism. Readers of this edition should also prepare for numerous typos, including this speech, spoken earnestly at a particularly dramatic moment in the book: "We must kelp!"

Tina says

Well, I am having a hard time rating this one. I had very high expectations that weren't fully met. I love Sherlock Holmes and being a scientist myself I had expected to love Challenger even more. However, the stories about Holmes already contain a lot of scientific details and though they often touch superstitions and fantasies in the end Holmes always figures out which scientifically explainable secret lies hidden behind each case.

Arthur Conan Doyle uses a different approach for the Challenger stories which is exactly what put me off about them. I was always waiting for the twist in the story, for the moment he discovers that everything can be explained scientifically. I liked The Lost World and The Disintegration Machine was a nice short story, but the other three – especially The Land of Mists – do not contain much of what I like about Doyle's story setup. It was not as straightforward as the stories about Holmes in which every single storyline serves a purpose and leads you to the solution of the case. In Challenger's stories for example, I did not get where he was going with the Silas Linden part. Okay, he was evil and pretended to possess the powers that killed him and let his children escape to safety. However, in my opinion it does not help to make an additional point or advance the main storyline.

Furthermore, I was just not into the fact that all of this stuff about spirits and mediums was true and that the views of our protagonist had to be adjusted accordingly. Of course, I do not object to this concept in general, I just like Holmes and Challenger to be the ones to solve the mysteries and riddles while the common folk is clueless.

Riddhiman says

5 star for the imagination

Rajat TWIT says

Sherlock Holmes owed every bit of charm to the great Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and here you can see Sir ACD giving his extra-ordinary art of story telling in the shape of Professor Challenger. Not only the stories had elements of pure genius, more than a century back but also had pure fictional magic. Beautiful language and strong connection to the well defined characters make the stories unputtable!

Though I am reviewing the series almost after 4 years of completing them, still I can feel the magic of the amazing work!

Tusher says

A great & marvellous work by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

professor challenger , a scientist & explorer who is a great creation by the author him self.

a must read book by the sci fi & adventure lover.

best regards

tusher'
