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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SHERLOCK HOLMES SOCIETY OF LONDON

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Due sometime this year is a 5th volume of readings from the Canon by Robert Hardy: THE CASE-BOOK OF SHERLOCK HOLMES containing 3GAB, 3GAR, LION and RETL. Argo cassettes, priced about £5.95. If you want THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES unabridged and have £20.10 plus to spare, try a 3-cassette pack from Spoken Word Cassettes (SWC 505). The cast is headed by Nicol Williamson & George Rose. For completists, a note from MUSIC WEEK 8/6/85: "'1984' and 'The Hound of the Baskervilles', for example, seemed to be available from just about every vendor, each with its own name-brand reader." Before you rush to your local vendor, I'd better mention that this is a report from the United States.

THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES, a splendid collection of pastiches edited by Richard Lancelyn Green, is due from Penguin on the 26th September at £2.50. Forthcoming (no date) is SHERLOCK HOLMES THROUGH TIME AND SPACE edited by Isaac Asimov, from Severn House at £8.95. Pan bid for the book rights to the new film YOUNG SHERLOCK HOLMES but were outbid by Grafton Books (who?); the book should be out before Christmas.

To fill up, here's a list of current editions of the Canon, as of July 31st:-

THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: Murray/Cape £7.95; Pan £1.95; Penguin £1.95; Dent (Everyman) £1.50; Longman Heritage of Literature £2.25; Oxford University Press Programmed English Series (abridged) £1.40;

THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (selected stories): Granada £7.95; Panther £1.95

THE ANNOTATED SHERLOCK HOLMES: Murray (2 volumes) £35.00

BLACK PETER and THE RED HEADED LEAGUE: Murray English Easy Readers £1.10

THE CASEBOOK OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: Murray/Cape £7.95; Penguin £1.50; Longman Heritage of Literature £2.25; Ulverscroft Large Print £5.00

CASES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (ed. William Kottmeyer): McGraw; £1.50

THE COMPLETE SHERLOCK HOLMES: Hamlyn £4.95; Penguin £5.50; Secker & Warburg £15.00

THE EDINBURGH STORIES (ed. Owen Dudley Edwards): Polygon £4.95

THE FINAL ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (ed. Peter Haining): Star £1.50

FURTHER ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: Oxford University Press Programmed English Series £1.40

HIS LAST BOW: Murray/Cape £7.95; Pan £1.25; penguin £1.50; Longman Heritage of Literature £2.25; Ulverscroft Large Print £5.00

THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES: Murray/Cape £7.95; Pan £1.75; Penguin £1.50; Dent (Everyman) £1.00; Murray-English Easy Readers £1.10; Ladybird simplified edition 75p; Longman Simple English Series £1.00; Longman Heritage of Literature £2.25; Oxford University Press Programmed English Series £1.20; Purnell De Luxe £2.99; Scholastic Publications 95p; Sparrow 95p; Webb & Bower dossier edition £9.95

If there's still a shortage of news, I'll continue the list in the next issue. You Have Been Warned.

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