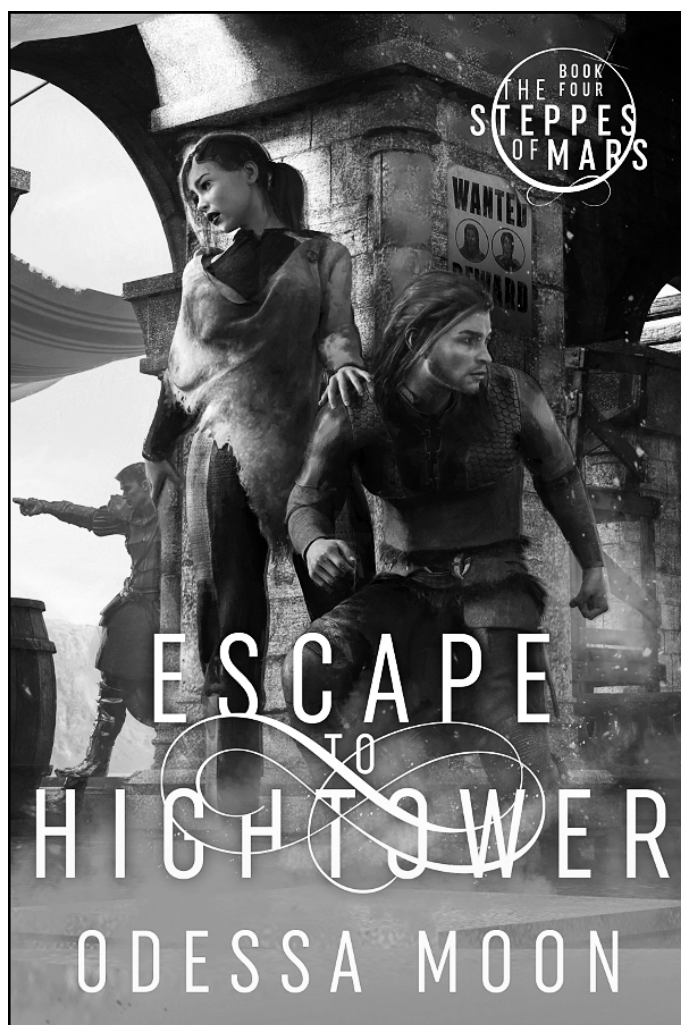


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New for 2023!

Escape to HighTower

*A runaway bride's impulsive act creates ripples
among the ruling families*

By Odessa Moon

Fourth in the Steppes of Mars series

Continuing the story begun in “The Vanished Pearls of Orlov,” Lannie DelFino is free from her overbearing, grasping noble family and a dangerous marriage to the daimyo of Orlov, but she faces an uncertain future.

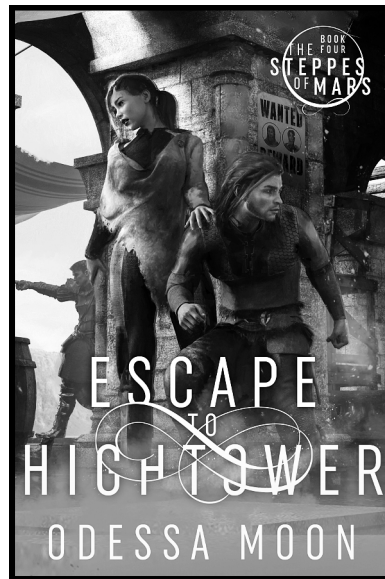
She’s escaping north with Fen HighTower, the youngest son of his demesne’s ruling family. Although he willingly helped spirit her out of the capital city of Barsoom, they’ll be riding away from civilization and into the open country where the horse lords rule. Is he up to protecting her? Does he want to? And what will happen at night if their attraction to each other leads to something more?

The DelFino and Orlov families are frantic. They’re worried about Lannie, but for different reasons. Charlton DelFino wants to rescue his sister. The Orlovs want to avenge themselves on the woman who held them up to ridicule.

Worse, Lannie stole the fabulous Pearls of Orlov, the family treasure that ensnares the soul of anyone who sees them. Failure to recover them could throw the Orlov family out of power. They’ll hire any thugs and commit any crimes to find them.

The Pearls worry Lannie the most. She’s hidden them from Fen. Out on the steppes, alone with a man she knows nothing about, what will happen to her if he discovers them?

“Escape to HighTower” is the fourth book in Odessa Moon’s “Steppes of Mars” series set on a terraformed Mars in the far-flung future.



The Vanished Pearls of Orlov

*A Forced Marriage. A Dangerous Journey.
And a Fabulous Treasure from Olde Earth*

By Odessa Moon

Third in the Steppes of Mars series

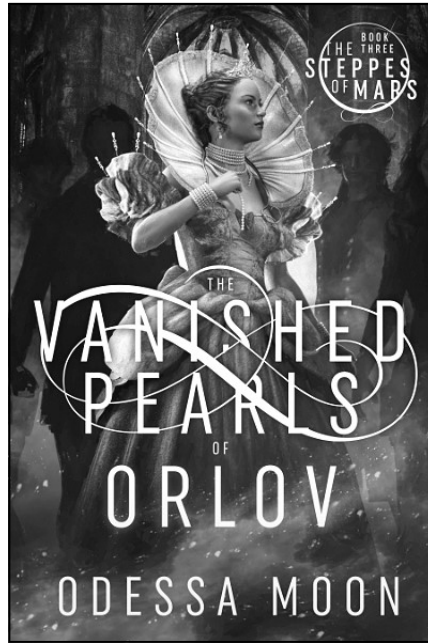
As the young daughter of a minor noble, Yilanda “Lannie” DelFino lived a sheltered life of ease and pleasure. So she was shocked to learn that life would end when her father announced she would marry the daimyo of Orlov. Her unhappiness turned to terror when she learned her future husband was a brutal drunkard suspected of murdering his previous wife.

Lannie’s protests were ignored. Her father needed her bride price not only to rebuild his estate, but to get medical treatment for her sick mother. There was no other choice. The family’s future depended on Lannie marrying Rastislav Orlov in Barsoom.

Meanwhile, far in the northern horselands, Fenrick HighTower is tasked to ride south to the vast capital city of Barsoom to pay the demesne’s taxes and represent the family in the assembly. While it appears to be an honor, Fen knew it wasn’t. He was a necessary errand boy. As a younger son, he was the most expendable.

Unknowingly, Lannie and Fen embark on dangerous journeys creating waves that will ripple across the terraformed Mars and affect the lives of their families, allies, friends, and strangers. And when they encounter the fabulous Pearls of Orlov, it will awaken in them temptations they didn’t know existed: for wealth, power, and each other.

“The Vanished Pearls of Orlov” is the third book in Odessa Moon’s “Steppes of Mars” series set on a terraformed Mars.



The Bride from Dairapaska

On a terraformed Mars, an abused wife risks all to save her family and change her world

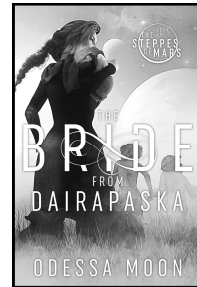
By Odessa Moon

First in the Steppes of Mars series

On a terraformed Mars, young Debbie Miller was sent far from her rural village as part of a marriage compact between the rulers of two demesnes. But when they were moved again to build a village in a barren patch of nowhere, her abusive husband forces her to escape. She flees with her children and their dog into the vast open steppes where dying was preferable to life with him.

Debbie only wanted to escape, but her encounter with the Steppes Riders, and especially Yannick of Kenyatta, ignites changes that affect Mars' ruling families. Debbie must learn to defend her adopted people.

The Steppes of Mars series imagines a transformed world where a disaster on Earth decades ago cut off all contact with its wealth and resources. Experience a Mars where its genetically modified inhabitants have developed their own cultures, beliefs, and religions.



The White Elephant of Panschin

Under Mars' Domed City, Four People's Destinies Collide

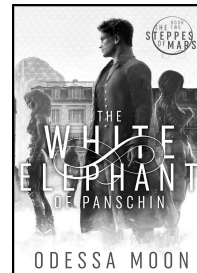
By Odessa Moon

Second in the Steppes of Mars series

Near the Martian north pole, six linked domes form the mining city of Panschin. For generations, they have burrowed into the Martian underworld, digging tunnels, mining ore, and uncovering its secrets.

At Panschin's mining conference, Airik, the dai-myō of Shelleen, seeks allies to exploit his family's newly discovered Red Mercury lode. But he is targeted by con artists, companies hoping to scam him, and women wanting to become his wife. Airik flees the hotel to seek a quiet place to work.

For Veronica Bradwell, her family's disgrace forces her to open her mansion, nicknamed the White Elephant, to boarders. When a sinister thug approaches Veronica demanding to buy the White Elephant, she learns that old sins cast long shadows and that Airik is hiding secrets of his own.



New for 2023!

Agatha Christie, She Watched

One Woman's Plot to Watch 201 Agatha Christie Adaptations Without Murdering the Director, Screenwriter, Cast, or Her Husband

"The level of detail and vast array of images is incredible."

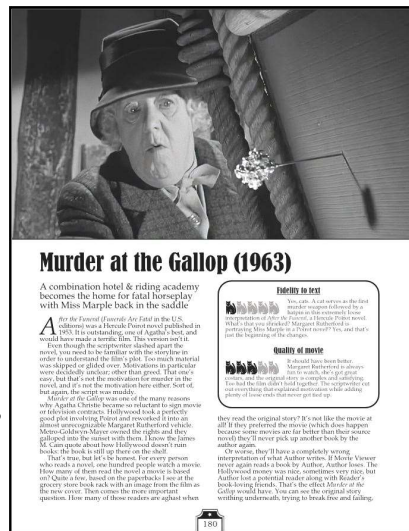
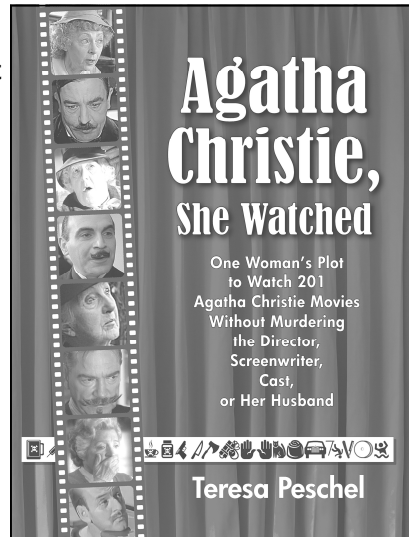
Labours of Hercule podcast

For more than a century, Agatha Christie has thrilled readers with her classic mysteries and dark dramas exploring evil such as "And Then There Were None" and "Endless Night." With more than 200 adaptations made from her stories, Agatha has been a huge part of the world's movie and television culture.

Teresa Peschel watched and reviewed 201 adaptations, from the German silent movie "Adventures, Inc." (1929) to "See How They Run" and "Why Didn't They Ask Evans?" (2022). Each was rated for fidelity to the original story and its overall quality. Each review comes with cast photos, a list of the major actors, and the film locations. Foreign movies from India, France, Russia, China, Japan, and Germany are also reviewed.

Finally, there are 8 movies in which the fictional Agatha solves murder mysteries, debates Hercule Poirot about killing him in "Curtain," battles a space wasp with Doctor Who, and plots to kill her husband's mistress.

Learn why Christie's stories of passion and murder still grip the imaginations of her readers.



The Complete, Annotated Murder of Roger Ackroyd

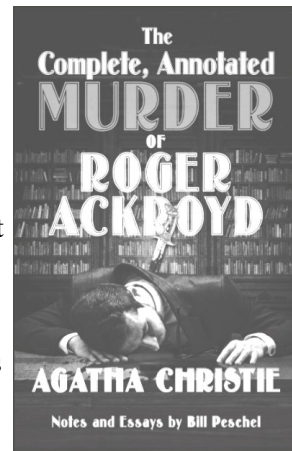
By Agatha Christie. Notes and Essays by Bill Peschel

Agatha Christie's Most Controversial Novel!

In this annotated edition of the groundbreaking Agatha Christie novel, Hercule Poirot retires to the village of King's Abbot to raise vegetable marrows. But when his friend Roger Ackroyd is found stabbed to death in his study, Poirot is asked to investigate. Many people would benefit from the death of the country squire, but none of them could have done it, except for the man who vanished!

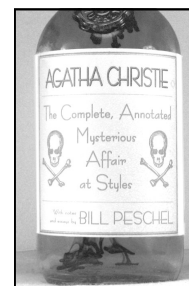
With the help of Dr. Sheppard, who narrates the tale, Poirot examines the evidence, but each clue raises more questions. Whose finger wore the wedding ring before it was tossed into the lake? Who visited the summer-house in the middle of the night? Who left muddy footprints on the window sill? What secrets are being kept from Poirot by the Ackroyd family and servants?

Published in 1926, *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* established Christie as the premiere mystery novelist of her time, and her 11-day disappearance after its publication spread her name worldwide. This new annotated edition contains the complete novel, plus an additional 30,000 words in footnotes and essays that describes unfamiliar words, expands on the story, and delves into the novel's creation and Agatha Christie's life at that time. 305 pages.



The Complete, Annotated Mysterious Affair at Styles Agatha Christie

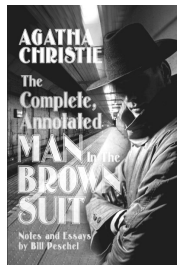
Mystery's most auspicious debut, Christie was only 25 when she introduced Hercule Poirot! Contains the complete novel plus extensive footnotes, essays on Poirot, Christie, strychnine, and women's status during World War I. 352 pages.





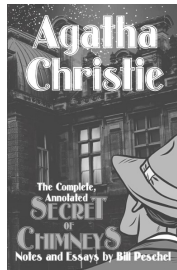
The Complete, Annotated Secret Adversary *Agatha Christie*

Close friends Tommy and Tuppence — based on Agatha and her husband — fight socialists and other enemies plotting to ruin England! Contains the complete novel plus footnotes, art from the newspaper edition, and essays on thrillers and her 11-day disappearance and more! *478 pages.*



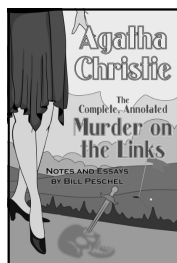
The Complete, Annotated Man in the Brown Suit *Agatha Christie*

Young Anne Beddingfeld came to London with a desire for adventure. When a stranger dies in front of her, she is launched on an adventure that takes her into darkest Africa and her deepest desires. Contains the complete novel plus footnotes and essays on the story and Christie's life. *389 pages.*



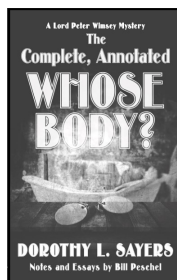
The Complete, Annotated Secret of Chimneys *Agatha Christie*

Adventurer Anthony Cade returns to Britain to deliver a politician's explosive memoirs and rescue a woman from blackmail, only to be enmeshed in intrigue and murder. Contains the complete novel plus hundreds of footnotes and essays on Christie's life, Abney Hall, Ruritania, and more. *379 pages.*



The Complete, Annotated Murder on the Links *Agatha Christie*

Racing to help a hunted man, Hercule Poirot comes to France to find him murdered! He must match wits with a diabolical killer and opposition from the police and Hastings! Contains the complete novel, plus hundreds of footnotes and essays on Christie's life, the true crime that inspired the novel, and more. *345 pages.*



The Complete, Annotated Whose Body? *Dorothy L. Sayers*

Sayers' first novel introduces the witty Lord Peter Wimsey investigating the mystery of the body in the bath. Contains the complete novel, hundreds of footnotes, translations of foreign words, three maps, timelines, and essays on famous crimes, anti-Semitism, Sayers and Wimsey. *282 pages.*

Fed, Safe, and Sheltered

Strengthen Your Life Against an Uncertain Future

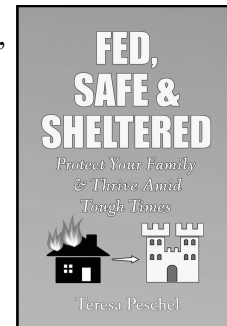
By Teresa Peschel

The richer we've grown in material goods, the less we seem able to cope. Many families are one paycheck from financial disaster, yet the culture discourages us from saving money. We're told to go into debt for a new car, an oversized home, or a college education. We've become debt slaves.

"Fed, Safe, and Sheltered" is Teresa Peschel's manifesto memoir about her quest to drop out of the rat race, embrace her peasant ancestry, and prepare her family for an uncertain future.

Peschel describes how to win by paying down debts, saving money, buying a home you can age in, and keeping your family secure. Peschel describes how she cut expenses through simple tasks such as insulating her home, hanging laundry, searching for mongo and obtainium, and effective grocery shopping.

"Fed, Safe, and Sheltered" is a manifesto, a polemic, and a chat with your practical neighbor over coffee about your families' futures



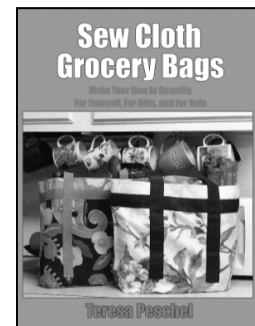
Sew Cloth Grocery Bags

By Teresa Peschel

"Sew Cloth Grocery Bags" is the one-stop solution where you can learn production sewing to make dozens of bags. With our royalty-free license, you can use our designs to make either an efficient "boxed" bag or the more intuitive tailored bag.

Author Teresa Peschel, an experienced sewer who has made hundreds of bags for her Peschel Press publishing business, describes in detail how you can take new or salvaged fabric and turn them into sturdy and sellable cloth grocery bags.

"Sew Cloth Grocery Bags" is an easy-to-understand guide to making grocery bags that can help you make a more sustainable future for you and your family.



Career Indie Author

The Must-Have Business Book for Writers & Indie Publishers

By Bill Peschel and Teresa Peschel

As a storyteller, you know a lot about developing your plot, creating characters, and editing your work. But do you know how to protect your copyright, record your income and expenses, the risks and rewards between "going wide" and sticking with Kindle Unlimited, and how to market your work? Have you thought about what tasks you should outsource and what you can do in-house?

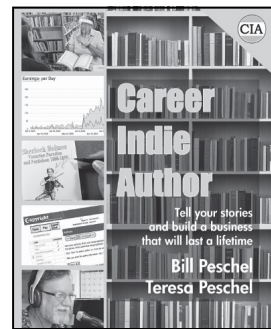
Do you even want to run a business?

Career Indie Author charts the landscape of indie publishing in the 21st century, where *you* set the rules and choose your path to publishing.

Career Indie Author will show you:

- With our one-page business plan, what you want to write, what help you need, how much money you'll spend, and your timetable for success.
- The factors that go into a successful book: title, genre-specific covers, and tropes.
- How to track income, expenses, and book sales.
- What you must have (a website, an Amazon Author Page) and what is optional (social media) and what to avoid (Hollywood services).
- The basics of marketing your books.
- The basics of launching a newsletter / readers' group.

Developed from the lessons learned over the decade Bill and Teresa Peschel have operated Peschel Press, *Career Indie Author* can help you decide these important questions before you spend your first dollar.



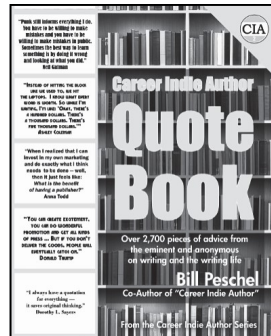
Career Indie Author Quote Book

Over 2,700 pieces of advice on writing and the writing life

By Bill Peschel

Drawn from a lifetime of reading, *Writers Gone Wild* author Bill Peschel collected the best advice on the writing life, from Abuse to Young Adult. Many have never been seen elsewhere. Each quote was checked for accuracy and sometimes expanded upon.

Learn how to create memorable characters, ignore bad reviews, and battle writer's block. It's a shot in the arm against the self-doubt, nervousness, and loneliness that is part of the writing life.



The Casebook of Twain and Holmes

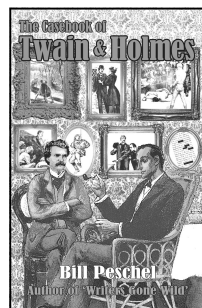
Beloved Humorist. Best-Selling Author. Consulting Detective.

By Bill Peschel, editor of the 223B Casebook Series

Meet Mark Twain like you never knew him. A Twain who knew Sherlock Holmes. And Dr. Watson, Mycroft Holmes, and Irene Adler.

In these seven stories, Mark Twain seeks Holmes' help to get out of paying blackmail over his dirty manuscript, nearly gets poisoned, goes grave-robbing, and runs a boxing scam. He also meets the young noble idiot Watson in San Francisco's Chinatown, explains why a young Mycroft Holmes kept him from telling everything about Tangier in *The Innocents Abroad*, and discovers Sherlock was not the only man fooled by Irene Adler.

You'll never look at Conan Doyle's stories or Twain's autobiography the same.



A Dictionary of Flowers and Gems

Discover the language of flowers & the power of gemstones

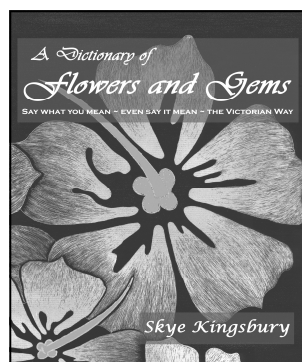
By Skye Kingsbury

For every emotion and feeling the Victorians used flowers, bushes, and trees to express it. Not just love, attraction, and desire, but also doubt, indifference, slander, and cruelty.

We're rediscovering this bygone way to communicate our deepest thoughts and emotions and "A Dictionary of Flowers and Gems" can help. We've taken 2,000 plants, supplied their scientific name, and arranged them from Aaron's Beard to Yellow Zinnia. We also resorted the plants according to emotions, from Abandonment to Zeal.

Finally, we created specialty lists to cover courtship, love and affection, beauty, and refusal, making it easy to create themed bouquets and gardens.

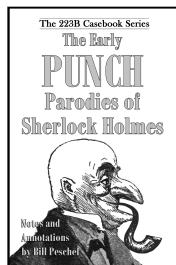
A bonus section lists more than 400 gems and crystals and their associated powers and benefits.



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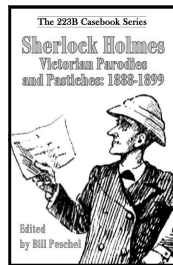
Compiled and Edited by Bill Peschel

Classic and newly found fanfiction from 1888 to 1930, during Arthur Conan Doyle's life, with original art plus extensive historical notes.



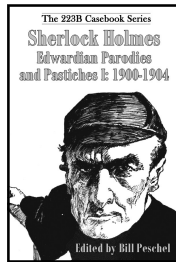
The Early Punch Parodies of Sherlock Holmes

Parodies, book reviews, & cartoons. Includes parodies by R.C. Lehmann and P.G. Wodehouse. 281 pages.



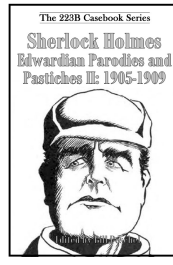
Victorian Parodies & Pastiches: 1888-1899

With stories by Conan Doyle, Robert Barr, Jack Butler Yeats, and James M. Barrie. 279 pages.



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With stories by 'Banjo' Paterson, Max Beerbohm, Carolyn Wells, and Lincoln Steffens. 401 pages.



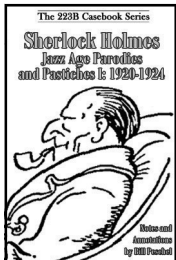
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With stories by O. Henry, Maurice Baring, and Stephen Leacock. 362 pages.



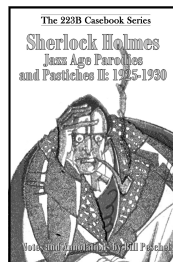
Great War Parodies and Pastiches II: 1915-1919

With stories by Ring Lardner, Carolyn Wells, and a young George Orwell. 390 pages.



Jazz Age Parodies and Pastiches I: 1920-1924

With stories by Dashiell Hammett, James Thurber, and Arthur Conan Doyle. 353 pages.



Jazz Age Parodies and Pastiches II: 1925-1930

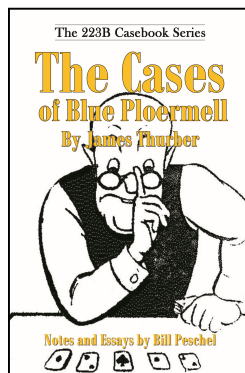
With stories by August Derleth, Frederic Dorr Steele, and Edgar Wallace. 339 pages.

The Cases of Blue Ploermell

Short Sherlockian Parodies from James Thurber's Newspaper Days

By James Thurber. Notes and Essays by Bill Peschel

In 1923, the young reporter James Thurber was given a half a page in the *Sunday Evening Dispatch* of Columbus, Ohio, every week to fill. For most of that year, he turned out book reviews, humorous commentary, jokes, stories, and even literary criticism.



He also wrote 13 short (11,000 words total) Sherlockian parodies starring Blue Ploermell, a “psychosocial” detective with a fondness for animal crackers. Aided by his Chinese manservant, Gong Low, Ploermell investigates cases marked by his cock-eyed deductions, loopy logic, and knack for leaping to the wrong conclusion. This juvenilia represents Thurber’s first attempts at learning the craft of humor writing.

The Cases of Blue Ploermell collects all 13 stories. Edited and annotated by Bill Peschel, they show Thurber trying his hand at characterization, story structure, and ethnic humor. In addition, Peschel contributed essays on Thurber’s years in Columbus; 1920s journalism; the state of Sherlockian parodies; and depictions of Chinese in American popular culture.

The Best Sherlock Holmes Parodies and Pastiches: 1888-1930

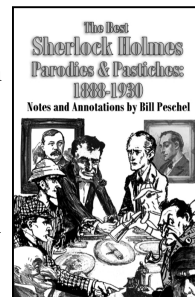
The funniest and oddest fanfiction from the 223B Casebook Series

Edited by Bill Peschel

The debut of Sherlock Holmes in *The Strand* magazine in 1888 introduced one of fiction’s most memorable heroes. Arthur Conan Doyle’s spellbinding tales of mystery and detection, along with Holmes’ deep friendship with Doctor Watson, touched the hearts of fans worldwide, and inspired imitations, parodies, songs, art, even erotica, that continues to this very day.

“The Best Sherlock Holmes Parodies and Pastiches: 1888-1930” collects 33 pieces — short stories, poems, and cartoons — published during the whole of Conan Doyle’s literary career. Also included are much of the original art and 340 footnotes identifying obscure words, historical figures, and events that readers were familiar with at the time.

Peschel Press’ 223B Casebook series — named because they’re “next door” to the original stories — is dedicated to publishing the fanfiction created by amateur and professional writers during Conan Doyle’s life.



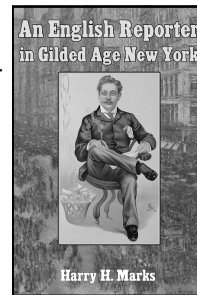
An English Reporter in Gilded Age New York

Time Travel Back to the Streets of 1870s New York
Harry H. Marks

During the late 1870s, English reporter Harry H. Marks covered New York City in intimate and often idiosyncratic detail. He wrote about the tenements, Chinese immigrants, burglary tools, French communists, organ grinders, trained monkeys, and bohemians.

These 30 stories, published in 1888 as “Small Change” shine a rarely seen light on the common people of the city.

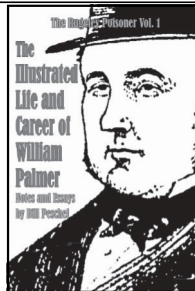
This is history as observation and reportage about people who never appear in the history books. Some of it is satirical, some of it sad, and some a celebration of life. It's a book for those interested in New York City, the Gilded Age, and historical fiction. Marks' New York is unforgettable.



The Rugeley Poisoner Series

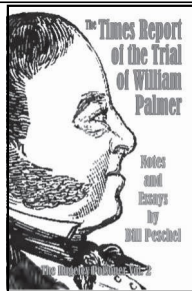
Meet the murderer who inspired Christie and Sayers

Edited and Annotated by Bill Peschel



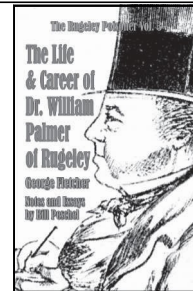
The Illustrated Life and Career of William Palmer (1856)

- Gossip about Palmer, racing scams, and London's fleshpots.
- More than 50 restored woodcuts.
- Excerpts from Palmer's love letters. 225 pages.



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The Life and Career of Dr. William Palmer of Rugeley (1925)

- Written by a doctor who interviewed witnesses and jurors.
- Rare photos and art.
- Essays on Palmer's legacy, strychnine, and Rugeley. 227 pages.

Coming from the Press

Note: These projects are in the writing and editing process, so publishing times will vary. You know how writers are.

Escape to HighTower by Odessa Moon. Lannie has the pearls, and the Orlov family is tracking her down. Where can she go? And what will Fen do if he finds out she carries a fabulous treasure? The exciting sequel to *The Vanished Pearls of Orlov*.

Man Out of Time by Bill Peschel: An outrageous time-travel romantic comedy featuring sword fights, grand theft, social media, and a happy ending!

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