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Norwegian Explorers May 2013 Notice

The Norwegian Explorers Study Group-Saturday, May 18th at 2:00 pm

We've secured the large downstairs meeting room (Community Program Room) at Roseville Library (2180 North Hamline Ave., Roseville, MN 55113 (651-724-6001, <http://www.rclreads.org/about/locations/rcl-roseville>, Metro Transit Route 65) from 2 -4 P.M.

Here are some discussion questions:

1. As we continue in The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes, the question always arises "Is this the worst Holmes' story Arthur Conan Doyle wrote?" Is this the one? Where do we rank it?
2. What do we learn about the Holmes-Watson relationship in this story?
3. Watson tantalizes us with unrecorded cases yet again. Why is the world not prepared to learn of the giant rat of Sumatra?
4. Holmes says, "No ghosts need apply." when vampirism is suggested. How is the supernatural handled in the Canon by Conan Doyle who after all wrote this story to finance his crusade to have spiritualism taken seriously?
5. What is to be made of former rugby star Big Bob Ferguson who reminisces about throwing Watson over the ropes into a crowd and who admits that after five years of marriage he does not know the character of his wife?
6. Are all Latin American women consumed by fiery tropical love?
7. What spinal condition allows Jacky to rush forward to fling himself into his father's arms?
8. Holmes claims to have essentially solved the case before leaving Baker Street. Does the story provide enough clues for the reader to do likewise?
9. What do we think of a year at sea as the cure for the perpetrator of a murderous attack on an infant? Is this like sending a miscreant off to the colonies?

You may have read of the remarkable explorations of a Norwegian named Sigerson..."
"The Adventure of the Empty House"