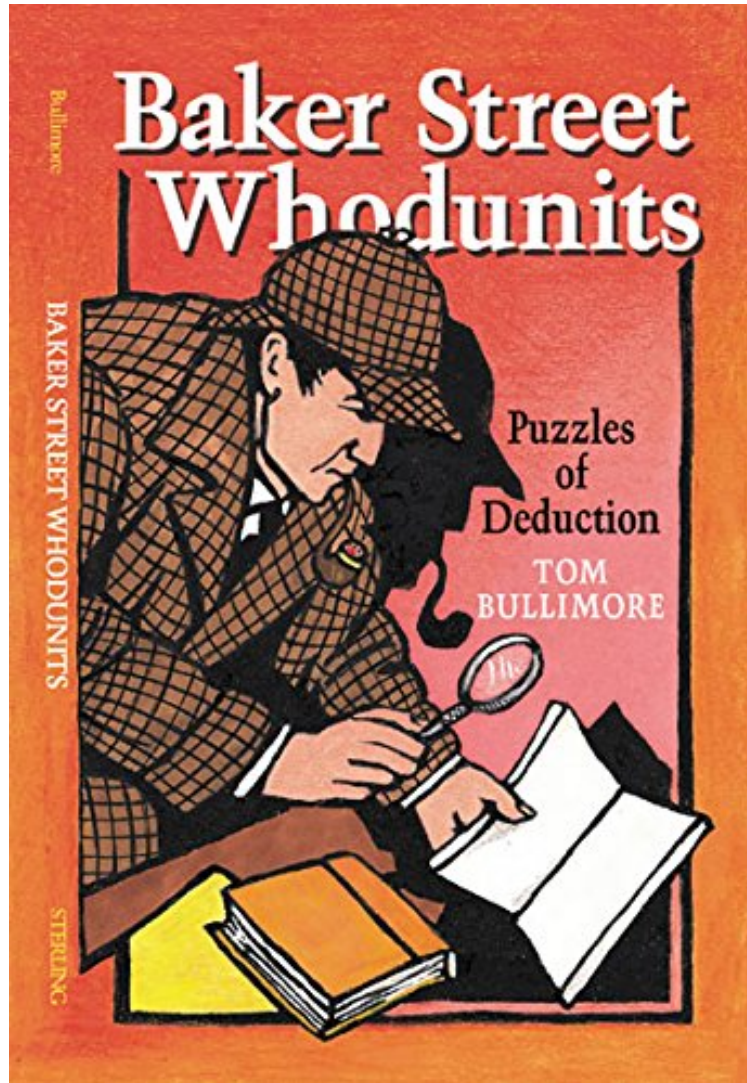


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such as a murder or theft, within which one or more subtle clues are placed that allow the reader to figure out the culprit, or sometimes how or why it's done. For example: Lord Fontelroy is found at his London mansion, shot in the head. A suicide note on the table reads, "I'm terribly sorry. I allowed my greed for money to color my judgment. I can't stand the shame, so I'm ending my life". The bullet wound is in the right temple, and Fontelroy's right hand hangs down from his side, with a gun lying on the floor beneath. The gun had been fired once. Inspector Lastrade looks around and proclaims "this was no suicide, it was murder!". How did he know? (Answer below). There are many true whodunit books on ; this isn't one of them. On the other hand, a brainteaser is a short riddle, logic or math puzzle that requires mental effort. For example: You have the misfortune to own an unreliable clock. This one gains exactly 12 minutes every hour. It is now showing 10pm and you know that it was correct at midnight, when you set it. The clock stopped four hours ago, what is the correct time now? (Answer below) This is a logic problem, not a whodunit. All the author would do, for example, is change the first line of this example to "Holmes has the misfortune..." This book consists of brainteasers, NOT whodunits. It's fine if you like brainteasers, but it should have been called "Baker Street Brainteasers". PLUS, you don't need to buy this book for brainteasers - the internet has tons of them for free (I got the second example from brainbashers.com). Another caveat is that this is listed for ages 9 and up - what a joke. Try 14 and up (mostly up, which is code for adult). (Ans 1: The British spell "color" with a u, "colour") (Ans 2: Since the clock is gaining 12 minutes every hour, for every real hour that has passed, the clock will show 72 minutes. Since the clock shows 10.00pm, we know that $22 \times 60 = 1320$ clock minutes have passed. $1320 - 72 \times 60 = 1100$. This therefore equals 1100 real minutes and hence 18 hours 20 minutes = 6:20pm. The clock stopped 4 hours ago, therefore the time must now be 10.20pm.)

It's elementary...when you're with world-famous detective Sherlock Holmes and his trusty assistant Dr. Watson, you're sure to find fiendish felons, uncover nefarious plots, and meet up with the wicked Moriarty. But, in order to crack these cases and reveal whodunit, you have to sharpen your wits by breaking secret codes, unraveling anagrams, solving logic puzzles, and figuring out tricky brainteasers! Put your powers of deduction to work--and prove you're smart enough to outwit the cleverest criminals!