

*He's back! With trembling excitement, Mr. Meyers invites you
to join him to celebrate
the return of Sherlock Holmes in*

THE EMPTY HOUSE

Enjoy a scholarly introduction to this historic and Canonically important adventure, and ponder some of the problems, perplexities and puzzlements it presents. Consider the possibilities:

- ▶ Could *you* walk a few blocks down Yonge Street with "at least" a dozen Victorian volumes "wedged under [your] arm"?
- ▶ Is it likely that Holmes, as an aged bibliophile, would carry a hip flask of brandy? If not, where did "his flask" come from when he revived Watson?
- ▶ If it really was the famed sharpshooter, Colonel Moran, who observed Holmes at the Reichenbach, why did he not shoot Holmes instead of throwing rocks?
- ▶ Watson refers to "my own sad bereavement"; what would that be?
- ▶ Could Col. Moran be charged with the attempted murder of Sherlock Holmes because he fired at a wax dummy?
- ▶ And, of course: Where *has* Holmes been?

Participate in a Show & Tell: "...it was evident that these books...were very precious objects in the eyes of their owner." Please bring a "very special book" to show and tell us about!

And of course, delight in learned presentations, more treasures from the Arthur Conan Doyle Room, musical entertainment of the highest and most original variety, and a chance to partake of Mrs. Hudson's table.

Dark lanterns and revolvers are not necessary, but a pencil would be handy to complete the challenging quiz.

Formalities will get under way at seven o'clock in the evening of **SATURDAY, 25TH APRIL 2009**, but it would be pleasant to see you at 6:30 for social time with fellow Sherlockians.



There is a modest charge of \$10 in advance or \$12 should you arrive unannounced. To reserve, send your cheque to **Mr. Meyers, 4 Lyons Court, Georgetown, Ontario L7G 1P1**. The ten dollar reservation can also be made by e-mailing your intention to Mr. Meyers at **bootprint@cogeco.ca** and you will then pay the ten dollars at the door.

Dear Mr. Meyers: Yes, I will join you on April 25th and I enclose a cheque payable to **The Bootmakers of**

Toronto for \$_____ for the following persons: _____,

_____ and _____.