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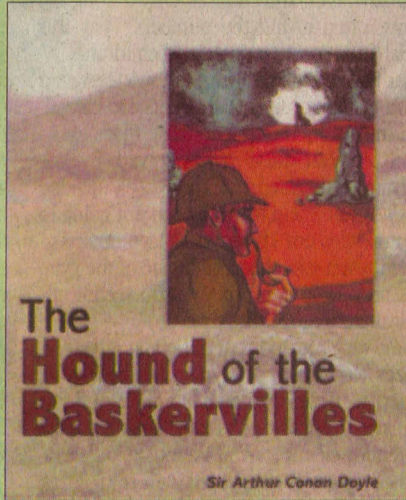
The Hound of the Baskervilles: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Orient BlackSwan, Rs 185

Epic adventure

"MR Holmes, they were the footprints of a gigantic hound!" The identity of the novel would be anyone's guess. One of the most popular novels ever written and made into many movies featuring the world's best book detective, *The Hound of the Baskervilles* is the most prominent work of art by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

It is his first novel after he was honoured with the title of 'Sir'. The storyline is set in Dartmoor in England, one of the finest settings for a story of mysterious crimes and



skillful deduction. The novel chiefly revolves around a supernatural hound which is a myth but the commoners claim to be a real-

ity. There is a curse of the hound at the Baskervilles, so the folklore goes. The owner of the grand estate of Baskervilles, Sir Charles Baskerville, suddenly dies a mysterious death. A butler discovers the footprints of an enormous animal next to the dead body of Sir Charles. As the news travels, rumours about the hound start again in the town.

Meanwhile, Sir Henry Baskerville, the only living successor of Sir Charles, comes to know about the terrible plight of his uncle and arrives from Canada. Afraid of what might happen there, he turns to Sherlock Holmes for help who has already been notified about the proceedings of the case by Mr Mames Mortimer. Holmes agrees and what follows is an epic adventure of dramatic conclusions and blood chilling actions.

Who murdered Sir Charles? What is the mystery behind the hound? What are the ser-

vants of the Baskerville hiding? Will Holmes be able to connect every dot while his own life is threatened? A gripping story narrated by Dr Watson. Suspense could be hardly any greater. Catch the best of Holmes and Watson along with the amazing science of deduction in this amazing book.