

THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES

This is perhaps the most famous detective story in the world. Sherlock Holmes is certainly the most famous detective. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle created him almost a hundred years ago, but his adventures still seem fresh and exciting today.

To understand this story, you must understand Dartmoor, which is a real place in the south-west of England. It is a wild place of rocks and wet lands, where quite suddenly, on a beautiful sunny day, a thick mist can come down and hide everything. It is a place of green marsh – soft wet ground which can pull you down and drown you in deep black mud. It is where the British have their top security prison.

And it is the place where, many years ago, there was a huge and terrifying dog – the Hound of the Baskervilles.