

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

The Valley of Fear

Read by **David Timson**

In *The Valley of Fear*, first published in *The Strand* magazine in 1914, Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson investigate the brutal murder of a wealthy American, Douglas, living in rural Sussex. A sinister tale of mystery and intrigue is revealed about Douglas's past life as one of the infamous gang called 'The Scowlers', who ruled with terror the coal-fields of Pennsylvania in the 1870s. Part-thriller, part-western, part-gangster story, Conan Doyle excelled himself with this gripping and thrilling novel.



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