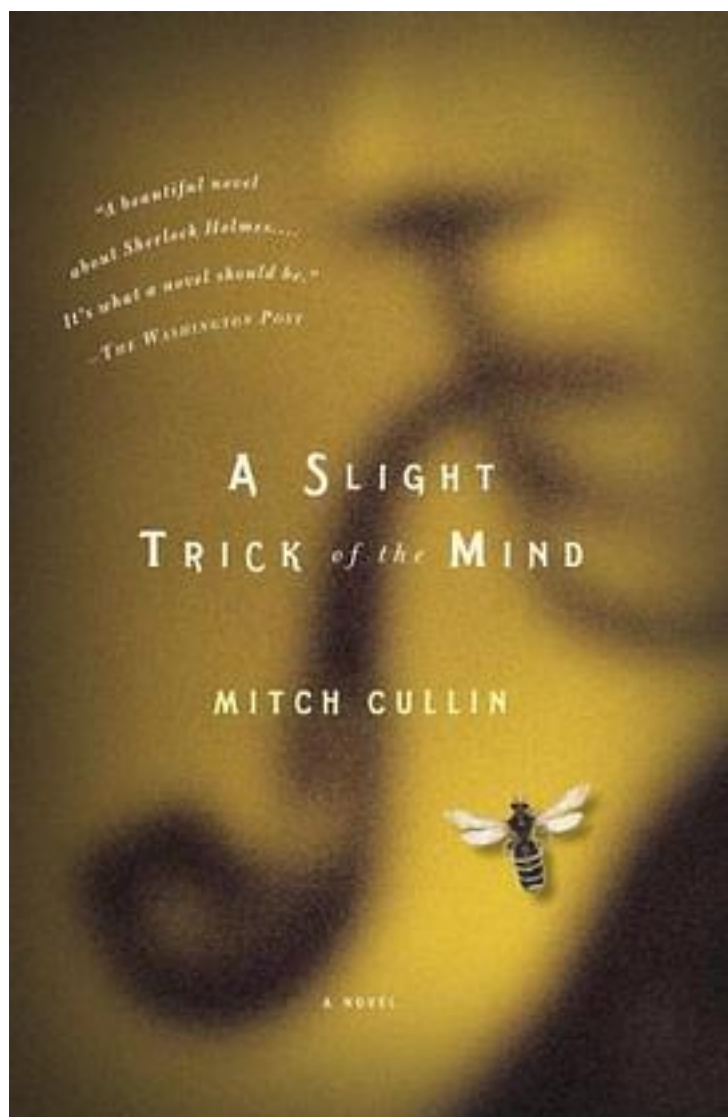


A Slight Trick of the Mind



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Mitch Cullin’s absorbing *A Slight Trick of the Mind* is an original portrait of literature’s most beloved detective, Sherlock Holmes, in the twilight of his illustrious life.

Holmes—“a genius in whom scientific curiosity is raised to the status of heroic passion”—is famous for his powers of deduction. His world is made up of hard evidence and uncontested facts, his observations and conclusions unsullied by personal feelings, until novelist Cullin goes behind the cold, unsentimental surface to reveal for the first time the inner world of an obsessively private man.

It is 1947, and the long-retired Holmes, now 93, lives in a remote Sussex farmhouse, where his memories and intellect begin to go adrift. He lives with a housekeeper and her young son, Roger, whose patient, respectful demeanor stirs paternal affection in Holmes. Holmes has settled into the routine of tending his apiary, writing in journals, and grappling with the diminishing powers of his razor-sharp mind, when Roger comes upon a case hitherto unknown. It is that of a Mrs. Keller, the long-ago object of Holmes’s deep—and never acknowledged—infatuation.

As Mitch Cullin weaves together Holmes’s hidden past, his poignant struggle to retain mental acuity, and his unlikely relationship with Roger, Holmes is transformed from the machine-like, mythic figure into an ordinary man, confronting and acquiescing to emotions he has resisted his entire life. This subtle and wise work is more than just a reimagining of a classic character. It is a profound meditation on faultiness of memory and how, as we grow older, the way we see the world is inevitably altered.

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美国著名作家。生于1968年，大学期间跟随玛丽·盖茨基尔学习写作，出版过7部长篇小说和1部短篇小说集。《纽约时报》称其作品“睿智而又美丽”。

小说《涨潮海岸》被导演特瑞·吉列姆改编成电影。《福尔摩斯先生》同名电影由比尔·康顿执导，伊恩·麦克莱恩主演。

目前居住在加州和东京两地，除创作小说外，还与艺术家彼得·张 (Peter I. Chang) 合作其他艺术类型的项目，和萨尔曼·拉什迪、谭恩美等作家同为非盈利网站“红房间”创始作家。

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书评

从某种意义上说，福尔摩斯的传奇，或许是一次“集体”创作的结果。柯南·道尔爵士给出了这个英雄大致的模样，而人们则是用自己的期待，把他想象成自己想要的样子。从来没有一个系列故事会像福尔摩斯的冒险一样，在它的作者结束创作后，仍然有无数人希望续写这个故事。而...

先說結果，我挺喜歡這故事，也喜歡老邁的福爾摩斯，老福仍然觀察敏銳，但年老的他終於像一個平凡人——受記憶力衰退、關節痛、行動遲緩所苦。我們所認識的阿福，向來冷酷精明幹練得不像一個人，可受盡年老折磨的老福，感覺卻跟常人無異，多了點人性平添份親切。然後，一隻黃...

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第二，这不是推理小说，是一部文艺到不行的小说。
第三，你能承受世界上最聪明的大脑也会老年痴呆的情况么？你能想象世界上最风光的

人在承受着难以想象的孤独么？最后，为了看这部小说我都被批评了，于是我...

真实的福尔摩斯——读《福尔摩斯先生》 滁人也
自小就爱看有关福尔摩斯的故事，睿智无比的神探福尔摩斯以及他那个超级搭档华生，是我们的一个梦——智慧与友谊的最佳组合之梦。柯南·道尔爵士为福尔摩斯打造了人生的传奇，而美国作家米奇·库林却在柯南爵士的福尔摩斯身上...

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