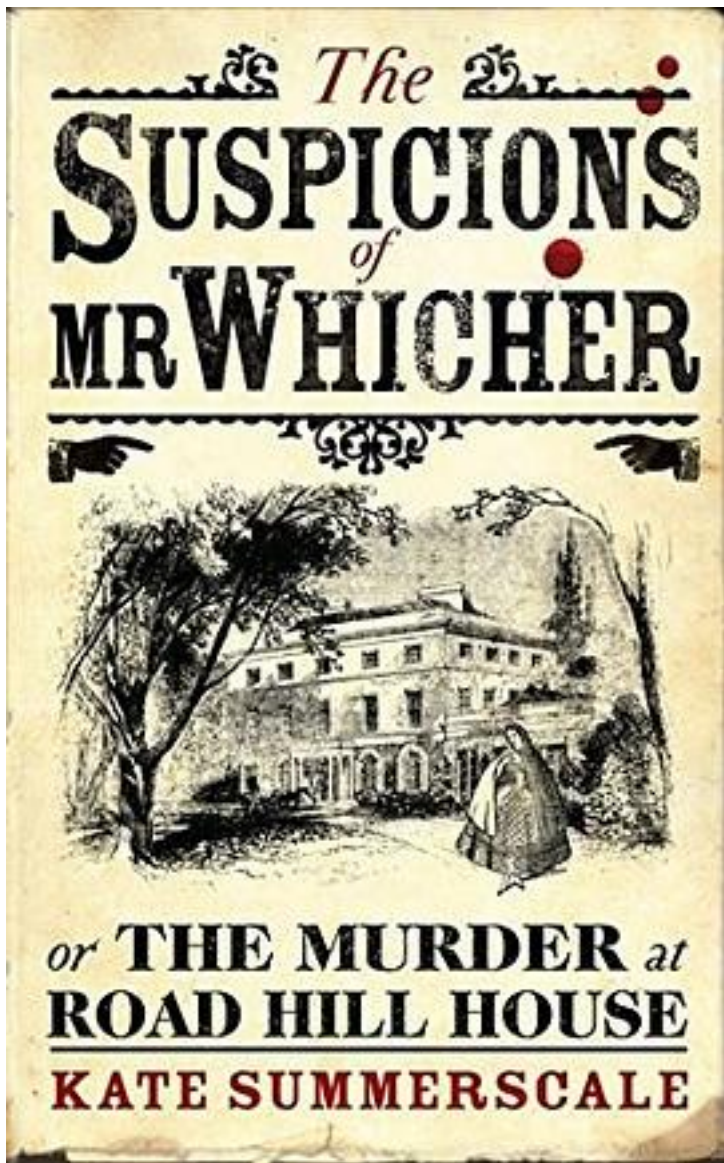


The Suspicions of Mr Whicher



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Starred Review. Summerscale (*The Queen of Whale Cay*) delivers a mesmerizing portrait of one of England's first detectives and the gruesome murder investigation that nearly destroyed him. In 1860, three-year-old Saville Kent was found murdered in the outdoor privy of his family's country estate. Local police scrambled for clues, but to no avail. Scotland Yard Det.-Insp. Jonathan Jack Whicher was called in and immediately suspected the unthinkable: someone in the Kent family killed Saville. Theories abounded as everyone from the nursemaid to Saville's father became a suspect. Whicher tirelessly pursued every lead and became convinced that Constance Kent, Saville's teenage half-sister, was the murderer, but with little evidence and no confession, the case went cold and Whicher returned to London, a broken man. Five years later, the killer came forward with a shocking account of the crime, leading to a sensational trial. Whicher is a fascinating hero, and readers will delight in following every lurid twist and turn in his investigation. (Apr.)

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Review

"Summerscale's clean writing makes *The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher* so dynamic that she can't be accused of "freezing" the past—instead, she has done a masterly job of reviving it, with all its curiosities and contradictions. But, most strikingly, she has created an enthralling mystery by overlaying the fictional tools of misdirection and suspense onto a nonfiction narrative that, in its day, helped inspire writers to create a new fictional genre—a strange and very impressive feat." —Britt Peterson, *The American Scholar*

"told and interwoven with admirable skill and definition." —Bookpage

"A bang-up sleuthing adventure." —Kirkus Reviews

"A mesmerizing portrait of one of England's first detectives and the gruesome murder investigation that nearly destroyed him...Whicher is a fascinating hero, and readers will delight in following every lurid twist and turn in his investigation." —Publishers Weekly, Starred Review

"Summerscale organizes the book like a period novel, with a denouement that suggests that full justice was never done. Erik Larson (*The Devil in the White City*) fans will be enthralled." —Library Journal

"Summerscale has produced not only a dazzling non-fiction thriller, but also an acute work of literary and social history." —The Daily Express

"Kate Summerscale's book is a tour de force. It sweeps us irresistibly into the investigation, turning us into armchair detectives... Under the spell of [her] scrupulous intelligence and mesmerizing research, we are drawn into a detective story within a detective story that takes us halfway into the 20th century and across the sea to Tasmania before the clues finally add up to what surely must be the last word on the Road Hill Murder." —The Daily Mail

"Summerscale has constructed nothing less than a masterpiece... The Suspicions of Mr Whicher is at one and the same time a crime thriller, a sociological history, a biography and a fascinating essay on the nature of investigation... My shelves are stacked with books about crime, but none more satisfying than this."—Craig Brown, The Mail on Sunday

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based on a true story, which still remains mystery. unlike those famous fictional detectives, Whicher acted as a real detective, who might be not always right, that is the reality.

一起震惊英国的案件的前世今生，这本书不是小说，而是CHRONICLE Of the Case! 这起案件毁掉了一位杰出的第一代Scotland Yard Detective,开启了Sherlock Homes的时代- fiction detective novel。可是这个转变的背后是大众对侦探工作的质疑和失信，心酸啊。

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书评

刚在7月拿下萨缪尔·约翰逊奖、并获得三万英镑奖金的《威彻尔先生的猜疑》（The Suspicions of Mr Whicher, 2008年4月）则是将视角瞄向了十九世纪英国的一桩著名案件。1860年，英国南部威尔特郡的一户上流人家的三岁小儿肯特于半夜失踪，在报案之后，警方在乡村别墅外面的室外...

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