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A. J. Raffles, gentleman, cricketer, and master safecracker, lives in the World and times of Sherlock Holmes, only on the other side. He and his faithful Watson, Bunny Manders, are con men----elegant, channing, sometimes gallant and tender-hearted, but con men nevertheless.

Taking up where E. W. Hornung,

author of the Raffles stories at the turn of the century, left off, Barry Perowne evokes the familiar world of late Victorian London: life in the distinguished apartments of The Albany, a fashionable residence; cricketing house parties; midnight journeys in hansom cabs through the foggy streets of the West End. But he also brings Raffles into encounters, with the unexpected from suffragettes at Lord's cricket ground to white slavers on the Riviera; from the exiled Oscar Wilde to Robert Louis Stevenson in Samoa; and from the young Winston Churchill to the great unsung detective, a doctor named Conan Doyle.

Through it all Raffles remains debonair, resourceful, and curiously moral in his fashion. After all he has his beautiful sister Dinah to protect from rogues like himself and Manders.

In bringing Manders' secret papers to light, Barry Perowne offers us dazzling, witty adventures--a crook's version of THE SEVEN-PER-CENT SOLUTION.

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