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Black Narcissus, The Adventure of the Norcross Riddle, The Adventure of the Retired Novelist, The Adventure of the Three Red Dwarves, The Adventure of the Sotheby Salesman, The Adventure of the Perloined Periapt, The Adventure of the Limping Man, The Adventure of the Seven Passengers, The Adventure of the Lost Holiday, The Adventure of the Man with the Broken Face.233 pagesIf you're interested in finding out a bit more about Pons, I have two Listmania lists on the subject. One list is for the Pons books written by August Derleth and the other list is for the Pons books written by Basil Copper.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Regarding Sherlock Holmes - Solar Pons #1By Frank StanfordI've always felt that the Solar Pons character was inspired by the Doyle character at a time when copyright law prohibited the use of the name "Sherlock Holmes". Well, there was no doubt about it in my mind - if there ever was a second generation Sherlock Holmes, it was Solar Pons (the name of which I believe means "bridge of light"). Derleth was masterful in replicating the Holmes story, and all the original characters under assumed names. You won't want to miss the entire series of Solar Pons books!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Introduces the successor to Sherlock HolmesBy Ludy M. WilkieGood mystery writing.

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