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## Dossier of Solar Pons (Academy Mysteries)

By Copper, Basil

Academy Chicago Publishers, Chicago, 2005. Soft cover. Book Condition: New. No Jacket. This book contains six stories: The Adventure of the Perpelxed Photographer, The Sealed Spire Mystery, The Adventure of the Six Gold Doubloons, The Adventure of the Ipi Idol, The Adventure of Buffington Old Grange and The Adventure of the Hammer of Hate. As a teenager August Derleth, a rabid fan of Sherlock Holmes, wrote Arthur Conan Doyle and asked, since Doyle had retired Holmes, if he could revive Holmes. Doyle made it clear that Holmes would remain retired and tending to his beehives in Sussex. Derleth therefore created his own professional detective ; Solar Pons. Derleth wrote over 60 short stories about Pons and one novel and after his death, his estate picked Basil Copper to continue the character. Imitating Holmes, he has his own assistant Dr. Lyndon Parker, a long-suffering landlady Mrs. Johnson and a smarter, but lazy brother, Bancroft in the foreign service. Pons and Parker live at 7B Praed Street in London between 1921 and 1939. Unlike Holmes, Pons uses all the then-current technology including telephones, aircraft and automobiles.



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