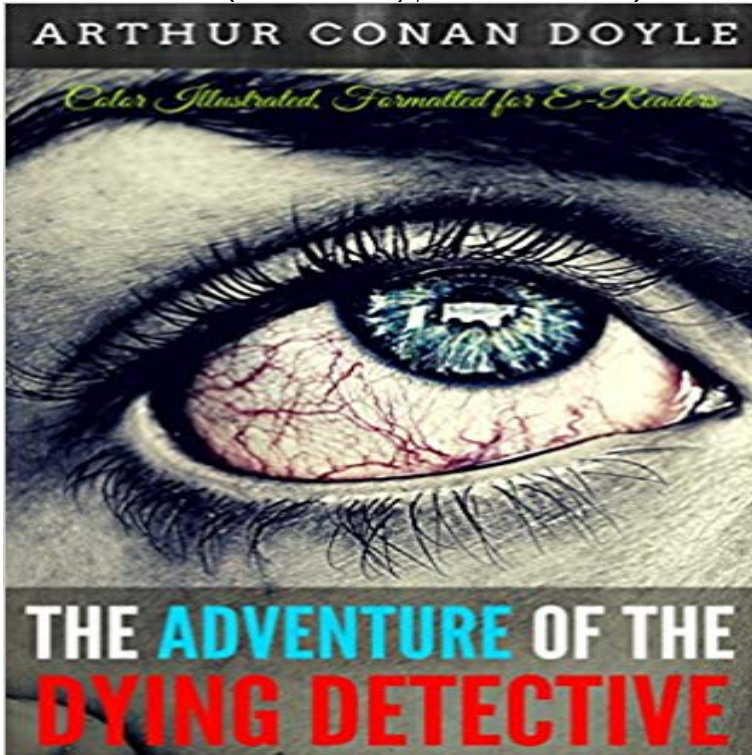


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does not particularly like him, for Holmes once cast the suspicion for Smith's nephew's murder on him. Holmes asks him to turn the gas up full, which he does. He also asks for a match and a cigarette. No sooner have these requests been fulfilled than Inspector Morton comes in the gaslight was the signal to move in, it turns out. Holmes tells him to arrest Culverton Smith for his nephew's murder. Smith, still as arrogant as ever, points out that his word is as good as Holmes in court, but then, of course, Watson emerges from behind the screen to present himself as a witness to the conversation. Holmes is not really dying, of course. This has all been a ruse to get Culverton Smith to confess to his nephew's murder. Holmes was not infected by the little box; he has enough enemies to know that he must always examine his mail carefully before he opens it. Starving himself for three days, and a little vaseline, belladonna, rouge, and beeswax made him a convincing malingerer and the claim of the disease's infectious nature was to keep Watson from examining him and discovering the ruse.

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