

Diary Spoiler from *The Sherlockian* by Graham Moore

Since the diary reveals that Arthur Conan Doyle (& Bram Stoker) shot Bobby Stegler, *Murder Among Friends* group members had a lively discussion point on whether or not readers would continue to read and appreciate novels by an author who had committed murder. This brought up the famous case of author Anne Perry, who was once known as Juliet Hume – one of two girls in New Zealand who killed Hume’s friend’s mother. This was not known at the time she began her career as Anne Perry, but Perry has since spoken about this time in her life, and her legion of fans continue to read her books avidly. We concluded that, as with most things, this would depend on what the situation was, whether or not we felt justice had been served, and frankly, how well the books were done!