



POSUDEK OPONENTA BAKALÁŘSKÉ PRÁCE

Studijní obor: Anglický jazyk a literatura (dvouoborové studium)

Název práce: Sherlock Holmes: From literary character to pop culture symbol

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Stručná charakteristika práce

Anna Hulcová's thesis deals with the cult of Sherlock Holmes and traces the trajectory of this popular character from A. C. Doyle's late 19th century stories to a symbol of pop culture, while focusing on the aspects of the character that made him a likely candidate to become a pop culture icon. The author provides a rather brief overview of the whole Sherlock Holmes series, giving short, one to two-page portraits of the main characters such as Sherlock Holmes, Dr Watson, Mycroft Holmes etc. Then she goes on to describe Sherlockian societies and the legacy of the great detective in the modern era.

Celkové zhodnocení

Overall, I think Anna Hulcová has done a good job. Her thesis reads smoothly, is well-researched and the author proves that she is able to find appropriate reference material and to use it efficiently.

My objections would concern mainly the structure of the study. I find the text rather unfocused and my impression is that the author strives to answer many questions at once and, consequently, none is answered thoroughly enough. For instance, the adaptations of Sherlock Holmes, advertised in the annotation as something deserving attention, are treated on one and a half page (27 to 28); the reasons why Sherlock Holmes is so popular are given the same room (31 to 32); the characteristics of Doyle's protagonists is sketchy at best. On the other hand, the passage on style (15 to 20) is very interesting, only the reader would perhaps wish for a more detailed reading, backed by examples from the work.

Despite what has been said above, I think Miss Hulcová's text meets the BA thesis requirements and, therefore, I recommend it for defence and suggest it be marked as excellent.

Práci doporučuji k obhajobě.

Navrhovaná klasifikace: výborně

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