

The Old Man in the Corner

by Baroness Orczy (1865-1947)

Created by Baroness Orczy, author of the famous Scarlet Pimpernel series, The Old Man in the Corner was one of the earliest armchair detective novels, popping up with so many others in the wake of the huge popularity of the Sherlock Holmes stories. The Old Man relies mostly upon sensationalistic "penny dreadful" newspaper accounts, with the occasional courtroom visit for extra laughs. He narrates all this information



Baroness Emmuska Orczy

(while tying complicated knots in a piece of string) to a Lady Journalist who frequents the same tea-shop. (Wikipedia)

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