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Scotland Yard: The History Of British Policing And The World's Most Famous Police Force



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"There are no crimes and no criminals in these days. What is the use of having brains in our profession? I know well that I have it in me to make my name famous. No man lives or has ever lived who has brought the same amount of study and of natural talent to the detection of crime which I have done. And what is the result? There is no crime to detect, or, at most, some bungling villainy with a motive so transparent that even a Scotland Yard official can see through it."

— Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Scotland Yard. The name itself conjures up a mental picture of old-time detectives in trench coats snooping around a crime scene with a giant magnifying glass. Indeed, over the years, the Metropolitan Police Force in London has become an inspirational icon, and the setting of countless literary masterpieces, films, television shows, music, and other works of art. What is it about this particular force that draws so many to the famous Yard? Throughout the evolution of British policing and the rise of Scotland Yard, the people who worked there took on some of the most notorious cases, and in the process they helped shape criminal investigative techniques. Along the way, the headquarters featured some famous people, and it was home to both triumphant feats and scandalous controversies throughout the Yard's action-packed history. Scotland Yard: The History of British Policing and the World's Most Famous Police Force looks at how London's iconic police force became the world's most famous. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events, you will learn about Scotland Yard like never before.

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law-enforcement, murder, historical-figures, historical-places-events, historical-research, history-and-culture I wonder how the professor reacted to this thesis. I appreciated the first part which dealt with the early history of law management in Britain and the rise of an organized body to deal with miscreants. The progression to the Peelers and then the Yard is of interest, but then it devolves into sensationalism of the Whitechapel murders and Crippen. Historic, but done rather to excess as is recounting numerous episodes of graft and other malfeasance by members of the force and CID. These things are disgusting yet true, but the emphasis seemed somewhat inappropriate. The narrator was very good at sounding neutral, even with the graphic description of murders with mutilation.

The book Scotland Yard: The History of British Policing and the World's Most Famous Police Force, started by describing the history of policing from ancient Greek to present-day Scotland Yard. Reading this book, you will find out how the London Metropolitan police got the nickname Scotland Yard. Scotland Yard was either the first or among the first professional police departments in the world. The book includes the successes and failures of individual members of Scotland Yard. I very much enjoyed the book

This book profiles some of the London police's most famous people, techniques, and cases, including a really comprehensive look at the notorious Jack the Ripper. Anyone interested in history should definitely read this one.

A fairly superficial history with far too much space taken up by Jack the Ripper which had been covered comprehensively in other publications dedicated to the subject.

It was good to learn it's history.

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