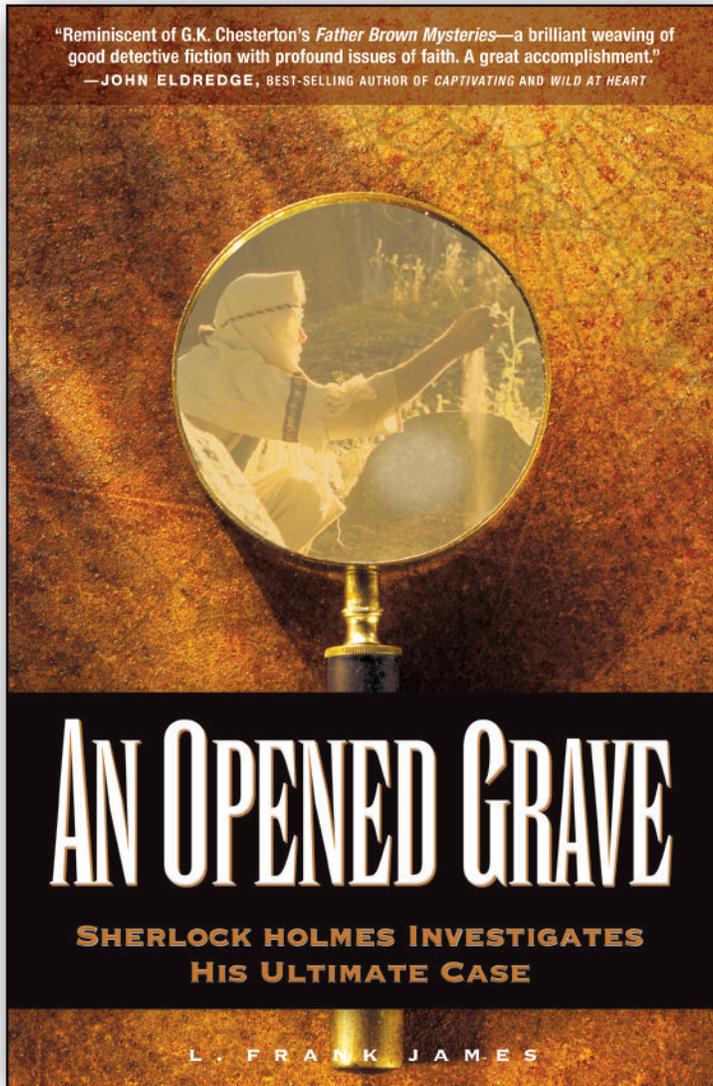


**“Like GK Chesterton and CS Lewis,  
Mr. James is a fine story-teller.”**

—THE SHERLOCK HOLMES SOCIETY OF LONDON



Destined to be a classic and a favorite among readers of literary Christian fiction titles and Sherlock Holmes fans, *An Opened Grave* features two of the most well-known names in our culture, Sherlock Holmes and Jesus Christ, as they take center stage in this adventure drama that pits the best arguments for unbelief against the most reasonable assertions for faith in God.

Challenging and compelling dialog between Holmes and Watson runs throughout this fast-paced, exciting story-line that is sure to keep the attention and spark the imagination of any lover of serious detective fiction.

**BEST BOOKS OF 2006 AWARDS**  
USA BOOK NEWS  
(Best religious fiction title)

*“Interspersing pithy philosophical exchanges between the two main characters with rollicking action sequences, the author crafts a compelling tale.”*

—**ForeWord Magazine**, November 2006

*“A wonderful combination of language, mystery, theatre, and apologetics. It’s witty, earnest, creative, and God-seeking. Reminiscent of G.K. Chesterton’s *Father Brown Mysteries*. A brilliant weaving of good detective fiction with profound issues of faith. A great accomplishment!”*

—**John Eldredge**, best-selling author of *Captivating* and *Wild at Heart*

*“The reader can easily get lost in the unique plot and forget that Conan Doyle did not actually pen this story.”*

—FOREWORD MAGAZINE, November '06

### L. Frank James

Frank James is a pastor at Valley Springs Presbyterian Church in Roseville, CA, and holds an MFA degree in Theatre and Drama from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).



He is the recipient of numerous acting awards, including: the Elly Acting, Birdsal Acting, Robert Reed Acting, and Bank of America Best Actor.

Frank is an accomplished playwright and has performed, directed, and toured with groups such as; Theatre Du Terte Paris, Last Minute Production (co-founder), Actors Alley Theatre, Long Beach Civic Light Opera, and Richmond Sheppard Theatre, Hollywood, among others.

---

**Title:** An Opened Grave                      **Price:** US\$14.95  
**Sub:** Sherlock Holmes Investigates His Ultimate Case  
**Category:** Christian Fiction / Suspense / Sherlock Holmes  
**ISBN 10:** 1934080-00-4                      **ISBN 13:** 9781934080-00-9  
**Imprint:** The Salt Works  
**Page count:** 240                      **Size:** 8.75 X 5.75 Vertical  
**Binding:** Perfect                      **Carton quantity:** 40  
**Pub date:** October '06, available September '06  
**Initial print run:** 7,500

**Distributor:** STL/Faithworks, Spring Arbor, Appalachian  
**Libraries:** Contact Baker & Taylor or the publisher

### MARKETING

#### Coop available

**National publicity campaign,** Wynn Wynn Media to handle national launch along with in-house publicists. Press-releases, feature articles, interviews, and print and web publishing of excerpts

**Bloggers:** Literary fiction, Christian, and relevant sites

**Advertising:** Munce, Parable, and Lifeway consumer catalogs

**Author:** Consistently participating in radio, print, and internet interviews. Available for book signings

**Future titles:** A second novel by author L. Frank James, *Mr. Inside's Outing: When Hide & Seek Is Not A Game*, is due out May, '07

---

### The Salt Works

a division of  
**PUBLISHERS DESIGN GROUP, INC**  
www.publishersdesign.com  
916.784.0500, Fax: 916.773.7421

In the midst of retirement, Sherlock Holmes is lured into what he believes to be a simple missing-person case. While investigating his new case, an apparent miracle saves his life and causes him to begin to question his own world-view. His client, the lovely and devout Miss Elizabeth Hackberry, offers him an explanation for the life-saving miracle—an explanation that challenges all that he knows and believes.

In his attempt to prove or disprove Miss Hackberry's belief that God was the One who saved his life, Holmes reaches the conclusion that he must personally investigate the most controversial, ancient mystery of all time—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As a result, Holmes and Dr. Watson set out on a dangerous journey. Along the way they face imprisonment, slavery, starvation, and a treacherous villain who turns their journey into a cat-and-mouse game.

### MOST POPULAR OBJECTIONS TO BELIEF ARE ADDRESSED

Though not intended to be a treatise on apologetics or doctrine, *An Opened Grave* credibly and respectfully addresses most of the popular and philosophical objections to belief that are held today.

### Praise for *An Opened Grave*

*“Anyone who loves Sherlock Holmes detective stories or who would like to share a sharp intellect’s grappling with the profoundest of religious mysteries will enjoy and learn from this book.”*

—Alan J. Couture, **ForeWord Magazine**

*“Frank James is one of the most creative and engaging writers I have ever met. His latest novel pulls you right into the greatest story of all time.”*

—**Hugh Ross**, author of *The Creator & The Cosmos* and President of **REASONS TO BELIEVE**

*“The fictional vehicle allows the reader to examine assertions about Christ and the Bible in a more entertaining, though none less accurate, method than examining the same premises in a non-fiction format. I enjoyed the journey.”*

—**Author's Choice Reviews**, Carolyn R. Scheidies