



The Champdoce Mystery

By Emile Gaboriau

Echo Library, United States, 2006. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 226 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ****** Print on Demand ******. Emile Gaboriau (1833-1873) is an important figure in the history of detective fiction. A French journalist and novelist, he created the roman policier with a series of books involving private detective Monsieur Lecoq, who works logically. Lecoq was based on a real-life thief turned policeman named Francois Vidocq (1775-1857), whose memoirs mixed fiction and fact. Gaboriau s huge following was eclipsed by Arthur Conan Doyle s Sherlock Holmes. Interestingly, Holmes may have been at least partly based on another of Gaboriau s characters, consulting detective Father Tabaret, whose methods Monsieur Lecoq adopts in the first Lecoq book.



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