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I thought this moment might never come. Perhaps on some levels I was even avoiding it due to an oversaturation of the blood-stained, opera-cloaked market. But at long last, we seem to have a Bram Stoker issue of *The Green Book* in our hands! Some of the keen-eyed might have realised this from the cover, which features as the background Pamela Coleman Smith's illustration for *The Lair of the White Worm* (1911), while the inset image is a detail from the printed boards of *The Jewel of Seven Stars* (1903). (It dawns on me as I write this that, while there is plenty of *White Worm* action herein, there's nothing about *Jewel*—however, a scarab does make an appearance . . .)

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