

A Cornucopia of Sherlockiana

The Detective and the Doctor

The earliest version of this talk was done for the Lifetime Learners at UMass on October 3rd, 2012. I brought some pieces from my collection and spoke for about ninety minutes. The powerpoint slides have evolved since then, but [here is how they stand at the present](#). The presentation was made again, with more emphasis on the adaptations, on March 30, 2013 for the Friends of the Fields Corner Branch library in Dorchester, MA.

[By the way, here is a good overview I found on the web which covers much of the same ground, more coherently.](#)

[Three](#) more [recent](#) articles [also](#) give a great overview of the history of the fandom and a lot of the pastiches and I recommend reading them if you want to go further.

The Sacred Writings

Here are a few links concerning the four novels and fifty-six short stories comprising *the Canon*

[Camden House](#) (a very good resource for most things having to do with the canon)

[Search the canon](#) at Mr. Moonfind. An excellent way to find a quote, or a word.

[Lyndsay Faye doing an introduction to the canon](#) (podcast)

The Apocrypha (other pieces by Doyle)

The Final Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: completing the Canon collected by Peter Haining, Barnes and Noble Books, 1995 ISBNs 1-56619-198-x hb, 1-56619-831-3 pb **Not available at the BPL** This book collects twelve other pieces (at least two of which are disputed, naturally) written by Doyle which relate to Holmes or Watson. It is not a complete collection, though, as it does not have the scripts for "Sherlock Holmes" the play which Gillette made famous (and probably rewrote), or "The Speckled Band", the play which Conan Doyle wrote based on the short story.

Both plays are available as an [audiobook](#) via the library.

[The Untold Tales](#) -- ah, all those tantalizing references...

The link goes to an excellent summary by Philip K. Jones of all the cases which are only

mentioned in the Canon. It also includes some abbreviations for the Apocrypha, and in the notes mentions many pastiches that are out there.

The Game -- Holmesian Scholarship

[BBC report about the pilgrimage to Reichenbach Falls](#)

[Radio discussion on NPR](#)

[Treasures of the Collection at the University of Minnesota](#), [Another UofMinn video](#).

Pastiche and Parody

General links:

[Non-canonical Holmes article from Wikipedia](#)

[A Thoroughgoing List of Sherlockian Novels](#)

[School And Holmes Pastiche Index](#) If you want to find a particular published pastiche, this is one of the better places to hunt for it. Warning, spoilers abound.

[Links to the Excel file database of pastiches](#) -- an excellent list, but a trifle confusing to the beginner.

[Sherlock Holmes at the Internet Book list](#) -- scratches the surface, but still of interest.

A few early works

[The Pursuit of the Houseboat](#) by John Kendrick Bangs (1897) Even a dead Holmes gets a story!

[A Double Barrelled Detective Story](#) by Mark Twain (1902) [Audio version at Internet Archive](#); [scanned original at Openbooks](#) This is not my favorite parody of Holmes, nor is it a particularly good story from Mark Twain, but hey, it's Mark Twain writing Sherlock Holmes. And apparently he was [having a lot of fun](#) while he was doing it. The first half of the story is convoluted indeed, and Holmes doesn't appear until page 95. When he does turn up, his presence is greeted by the character who knows him best with: *"But what's the use of being afraid of him? Anybody knows him the way I do knows he can't detect a crime, except when he plans it all out beforehand and arranges the clues and hires some fellow to commit it according to his instructions."*

[Dudley Jones: Bore-Hunter](#) by P.G. Wodehouse (1903)

[The Adventures of Shamrock Jolnes](#) by O. Henry (1911?)

Early works by people you don't know

[The Adventure of the Pair of Shoes](#), written by Agnes Mary O'Brien in 1903 and published in the Smith College Monthly. A very early fanfic indeed!

Active Publishers

[Wessex Press \(Gasogene Books\)](#) This publisher concentrates more on the scholarly side of the Sherlockian world, but has a few pastiches as well.

[MX Publishing](#) Publisher of several pastiches as well as commentaries, etc. Has a number of books on Kindle.

[Titan Books](#) publisher of the Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, a series of reprints and new pastiches

A Few to Start With

[The Seven Percent Solution](#) – Nicholas Meyer

Sherlock Holmes meets Sigmund Freud. Here's the [Wikipedia article](#). It's rather spoilery, tho, both for the book and the film.

[The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: The Man from Hell](#) by Barrie Roberts, (2010 edition. Originally published in 1997)

[Good Night, Mr. Holmes](#) – Carole Nelson Douglas -- The only version of Irene Adler, except Doyle's, that I really like.

[The Beekeeper's Apprentice](#) – Laurie R. King -- the first of the Mary Russell series.

[Sherlock Holmes and the Ghosts of Bly](#) – Donald Thomas -- a reliable author for short pastiches who has done several collections.

[The Secret Chronicles of Sherlock Holmes](#) – June Thomson -- another reliable author.

[Dust and Shadow: An Account of the Ripper Killings by Dr. John H. Watson](#) by – [Lyndsey Faye](#) Very much recommended.

[The Last Sherlock Holmes Story](#) -- Michael Dibdin -- Excellent. Chilling. I read this when I was in college and haven't dared open it again. [It also has an adapted version.](#)

[The House of Silk](#) – Anthony Horowitz -- this recent title was authorized by the Estate.

[Sherlock Holmes and the Giant Rat of Sumatra](#) – which one would you like?

And to stretch out a bit:

[The Strange Return of Sherlock Holmes](#) – Barry Grant Holmes comes to his future, our present.

[Basil of Baker Street](#) -- Eve Titus -- yes, the one about the mouse.

Fanfiction gets its own section below.

Performances

[A Holmes for every generation](#) A gallery of actors who have played Sherlock Holmes

[The Howard Ostrom collection of autographed photographs](#)

Stage

Cinema

[*Sherlock Holmes Baffled \(1903\) \(the music was added much later\)*](#)

[The Many Faces of Sherlock Holmes \(documentary\)](#)

[Murder by Decree \(trailer\)](#)

[Guy Ritchie's Sherlock Holmes](#) and [A Game of Shadows](#)

Radio

[Radio performances from the Sherlock Holmes Public Library](#)
(includes Rathbone-Bruce, among others)

Television

[Sherlock Holmes](#) (Ronald Howard and H. Marion Crawford)

[Sherlock Holmes \(Jeremy Brett\)](#) Definitely a fan made trailer

[Russian Sherlock Holmes series \(fan made, I think\)](#)

[Sherlock](#)

[Elementary](#) [preview](#)

On the Internet

Links of Links

<http://www.bakerstreetblog.com/p/resources.html>

Blogs, Societies, etc.

[The Sherlock Holmes Wiki \(in French\)](#)

[Napoleon of Holmes blog](#)

[The Doyleockian](#)

[Baker Street Blog \(pop culture\)](#)

[I hear of Sherlock Everywhere, podcasts](#)

Fandom and Fanfiction

Other things I mentioned at the talk

The Annotated Sherlock Holmes – Leslie Klinger

“Watson Was A Woman” – article/speech by Rex Stout to The Baker Street Irregulars

Questions? Comments?