

Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

The Books

1. [*A Study in Scarlet*](#) (1887)
 - i. Watson and Holmes first meet and are very shortly presented with a mystery; two American men are found dead in London. The story of their demise takes the reader to into a religious cult of the American West.
2. [*The Sign of Four*](#) (1890)
 - i. Each year following the strange disappearance of her father, Miss Morstan has received a present of a very fine pearl. This year, the anonymous gift giver has requested to meet with her; before doing so she asks Sherlock's advice.
3. [*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*](#) (1892)
 - i. First collection of short stories. Contains 12 stories.
4. [*The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*](#) (1893)
 - i. Another collection of short stories finishing off in Holmes' disappearance with Moriarity. Contains 11 stories.
5. [*The Hound of the Baskervilles*](#) (1902)
 - i. Holmes and Dr. Watson investigate the eerie tale of a devil-beast that haunts the moors around the Baskerville ancestral home after Sir Charles Baskerville is found dead and the footprints of a giant hound are found near his body.
6. [*The Return of Sherlock Holmes*](#) (1905)
 - i. *Contains 13 stories*
7. [*The Valley of Fear*](#) (1914)
 - i. A cypher message and a horrible murder in a Sussex village begin this dark and powerful tale as Holmes battles with the forces of the criminal mastermind, Professor Moriarty.
8. [*His Last Bow*](#) (1917)
 - i. The title story of this collection refers to Holmes' emergence from retirement to help the government fight the German threat at the approach of the First World War.
 - ii. Contains 8 short stories.

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Further Reading

- ❖ [*Sherlock Holmes was Wrong: Reopening the Case of The Hound of the Baskervilles*](#)
 - By: Pierre Bayard
- ❖ [*Shadows over Baker Street: Sherlock Holmes enters the dark, nightmare world of H.P. Lovecraft*](#)
 - By: Michael Reaves & John Pelan
- ❖ [*The Ultimate Jack the Ripper Companion*](#)
 - By: Stewart P. Evans & Keith Skinner
- ❖ [*Fingerprints: Origins of Crime Detection & the Murder that Launched Forensic Science*](#)
 - By: Colin Bevan
- ❖ [*Masters of Mystery: the Strange Friendship of Arthur Conan Doyle & Harry Houdini*](#)
 - By: Christopher Sandford
- ❖ [*The Adventures of Arthur Conan Doyle*](#)
 - By: Russell Miller
- ❖ [*The Profiler: My Life Hunting Serial Killers & Psychopath*](#)
 - By: Pat Brown with Bob Andelman

Viewing

- ❖ [*Sherlock Holmes*](#) & [*Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows*](#)
 - Starring: Robert Downey Jr. & Jude Law
- ❖ [*Sherlock: Seasons 1 & 2*](#)
 - Starring: Benedict Cumberbatch & Martin Freeman

See also: the [*Elementary...*](#) booklist here on the libraries' BookGuide website