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A Perennial Character

Back in 2012, the **Guinness Book of World Records** awarded a certain British detective for the “most portrayed literary human character in films and TV” with 254 roles by 75 actors. And is the popularity of current incarnations like CBS’s **Elementary** and PBS’s **Sherlock** are any indication, this 127+ year - old character seems destined to continue having adventures for some time to come.

Featured This Month

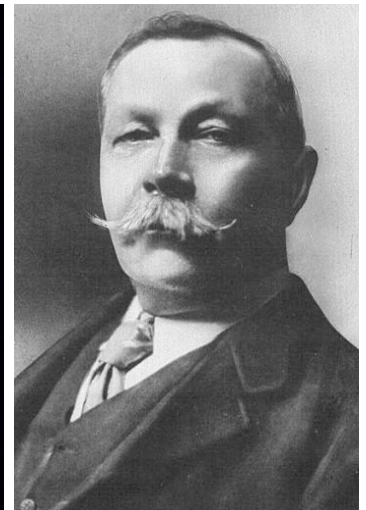
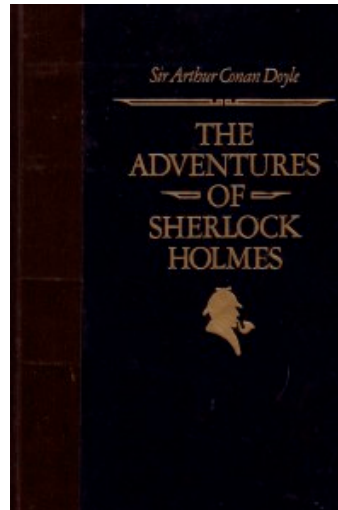
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

After a rousing introduction to his eccentric detective and admiring amanuensis in **A Study in Scarlet** and an equally popular follow-up novel, **The Sign of the Four**, Conan Doyle began to publish short stories of Holmes and Watson’s exploits in Strand Magazine, which were later later collected in this series. Perfect short reads, these stories are classics of detective fiction with the typical hallmarks of red herrings, inscrutable clues, and depending on how good a detective the reader is, surprise endings.

Perhaps the most famous story in this series is the one that leads off the collection --”A Scandal in Bohemia,” a tale that begins with the potential blackmailing of European royalty and progresses through a ruse by Sherlock to expose the hidden damaging evidence and, most surprisingly, a counter ruse by one of the most memorable of Holmes’s opponents, the actress Irene Adler --known by all Baker Street aficionados as “the woman.”

Other favorites tales in this collection include “The Adventure of the Red-Headed League,” “The Five Orange Pips” and ”The Adventure of the Speckled Band.”

Throughout the stories readers will note how, so long ago, the Holmes tales introduced the very idea of



forensic investigation that is now a staple of detective fiction as well as standard practice in real criminal investigations. (For information on an interesting documentary on the subject see <http://www.pbs.org/program/sherlock-changed-world/>)

Readers who enjoy Holmes may also pursue him in modern tales. Thanks to public domain, today’s authors are free to use the characters in their own original works (even though the Conan Doyle estate has been to court as recently as this year to demand licensing fees for the appearance of Holmes and Watson in others’ tales.) Among the authors who have extended the Sherlock canon, Library patrons may also encounter in the stacks some works from Laurie R. King, who pairs the retired ninety-year old Holmes with a lovely younger woman, Mary Russell, as they go on to solve even more of life’s mysteries. The legend never dies.

Review by Mary Anne Ciancia

Notes from the Library Board

The Library Collection Committee is retiring most of the reference material that the library has on its shelves. Anyone in need is welcome to come and see what we will be giving away for a small donation, amount to be determined by the buyer.

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New at the Library

Mystery

Rough Country by John Sandford
Silken Prey by John Sandford
Chief Inspector's Daughter by Sheila Radley
Death in the Morning by Sheila Radley
The Dark Horse by Craig Johnson
Dead Weight by Steven F. Havill
Out of Season by Steven F. Havill
Hunting Eve by Iris Johansen
Silencing Eve by Iris Johansen
Moving Target by J. A. Jance

LARGE Print Mysteries

Dead Aim by Iris Johansen
Sinister by Lisa Jackson, Nancy Bush and Rosalind Noonan
Chosen to Die by Lisa Jackson

Fiction

The Diary by Eileen Goudge
And the Mountains Echoed by K. Hosseini
Hand to Mouth by Paul Auster
Dear Life by Alice Munro

Nonfiction

Then They Came for Me by Maziar Bahari
Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

Library Hours:

Sunday & Monday: closed
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Thurs: 3:30 - 5:30pm Fri: 10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am–2:00pm

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Films on DVD

Frankenstein: The Man Who Made a Monster
Coal Miner's Daughter ... Pulp Fiction
The Man Who Came to Dinner ..Tootsie
The Philadelphia Story ... Shindler's List
A Clockwork Orange North by Northwest
Mutiny on the Bounty ...The Godfather, Part II
The Unforgiven ,, From Here to Eternity
Good Will Hunting ... Vertigo ... The Gold Rush
The Maltese Falcon ... King Kong [1933 version]
The Milagro Beanfield War ... My Fair Lady
On the Waterfront ... Rocky ... Taxi Driver
The Thin Man ... Yankee Doodle Dandy

Patrons visiting the Library may also wish to read the *Archeological Survey Report and Determinations of Eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places for Cultural Sites at the Copper Flat Mine* which discusses the possible impacts of renewed mining at Copper Flats. (This document is available only on CD at the Library.)

Christmas in The Foothills

Saturday, December 8

at the HCC

10 am - 4:00 pm

Come and support the Library at their special Holiday Bake Sale Table and take a chance at our Library Book Bag in the \$49.95 Auction!

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, November 19

Hillsboro: 1:00 – 2:00 pm Kingston: 2:30-3:30 pm

For a complete listing of Library materials, visit
<http://www.hillsborocommunitylibrary.com>