



The Sherlock Holmes Canon

Introduction

Despite the appearance from time to time of what their authors suggest are previously undiscovered cases that Holmes was involved in, it is to the original cases that you should first turn to understand the Great Detective's singular talents.

These 56 short stories and 4 novels are usually referred to as "The Canon".

This pamphlet lists the Canon, sorted in four different ways.

1 In Order of their Publication in The Strand

The 60 stories are listed in order of their first publication in The Strand Magazine although the first two stories, A Study In Scarlet and The Sign of Four, were published by Ward Lock & Co in Beeton's Christmas Annual and Lippincott's Monthly Magazine respectively. The latter has the original five word title of the story "The Sign of the Four".

2 In Order of their Publication in the Collected Editions

The Canon can be found in many forms.

1. The Complete Sherlock Holmes comprising all 60 stories.
2. The Four Long Stories (STUD, SIGN, HOUN and VALL).
3. The 56 Short Stories.
4. The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (SCAN, REDH, IDEN, BOSC, FIVE, TWIS, BLUE, SPEC, ENGR, NOBL, BERY and COPP).
5. The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes (SILV, YELL, STOC, GLOR, MUSG, REIG, CROO, RESI, GREE, NAVA and FINA).
6. The Return of Sherlock Holmes (EMPT, NORW, DANC, SOLI, PRIO, BLACK, CHAS, SIXN, 3STU, GOLD, MISS, ABBE and SECO).
7. His Last Bow (WIST, CARD, REDC, BRUC, DYIN, LADY, DEVI and LAST).
8. The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes (ILLU, BLAN, MAZA, 3GAB, SUSS, 3GAR, THOR, CREE, LION, VEIL, SHOS, RETI).

The Cardboard Box CARD, although published in The Strand Magazine between Silver Blaze SILV and The Yellow Face YELL was not published in the Memoirs but 24 years later in His Last Bow.

This list presents the stories in the order of their first publication in the collected editions, punctuated by the individual novels.

3 In Order of their Occurrence

For those wanting to read the stories in the order they occurred, this list (based on Vincent Delay's book) presents them in chronological order.



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4 In Order of their Abbreviations

Finally, the 60 stories are presented in the order of their Abbreviation (according to J Finley Christ).



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	Title	Abbrev	Date of Publication
1	A Study in Scarlet	STUD	Dec 1887
2	The Sign of Four	SIGN	Feb 1890
3	A Scandal in Bohemia	SCAN	Jul 1891
4	The Red-Headed League	REDH	Aug 1891
5	A Case of Identity	IDEN	Sep 1891
6	The Boscombe Valley Mystery	BOSC	Oct 1891
7	The Five Orange Pips	FIVE	Nov 1891
8	The Man with the Twisted Lip	TWIS	Dec 1891
9	The Adventure of The Blue Carbuncle	BLUE	Jan 1892
10	The Adventure of The Speckled Band	SPEC	Feb 1892
11	The Adventure of The Engineer's Thumb	ENGR	Mar 1892
12	The Adventure of The Noble Bachelor	NOBL	Apr 1892
13	The Adventure of The Beryl Coronet	BERY	May 1892
14	The Adventure of The Copper Beeches	COPP	Jun 1892
15	The Adventure of Silver Blaze	SILV	Dec 1892
16	The Adventure of The Cardboard Box	CARD	Jan 1893
17	The Adventure of The Yellow Face	YELL	Feb 1893
18	The Adventure of The Stockbroker's Clerk	STOC	Mar 1893
19	The Adventure of The Gloria Scott	GLOR	Apr 1893
20	The Adventure of The Musgrave Ritual	MUSG	May 1893
21	The Adventure of The Reigate Squire	REIG	Jun 1893
22	The Adventure of The Crooked Man	CROO	Jul 1893
23	The Adventure of The Resident Patient	RESI	Aug 1893
24	The Adventure of The Greek Interpreter	GREE	Sep 1893
25	The Adventure of The Naval Treaty	NAVA	Oct-Nov 1893
26	The Adventure of The Final Problem	FINA	Dec 1893
27	The Hound of the Baskervilles	HOUN	Aug 1901-Apr 1902
28	The Adventure of The Empty House	EMPT	Sep 1903
29	The Adventure of The Norwood Builder	NORW	Oct 1903
30	The Adventure of The Dancing Men	DANC	Dec 1903
31	The Adventure of The Solitary Cyclist	SOLI	Dec 1903
32	The Adventure of The Priory School	PRIO	Jan 1904
33	The Adventure of Black Peter	BLAC	Feb 1904
34	The Adventure of Charles Augustus Milverton	CHAS	Mar 1904
35	The Adventure of The Six Napoleons	SIXN	Apr 1904
36	The Adventure of The Three Students	3STU	Jun 1904
37	The Adventure of The Golden Pince-Nez	GOLD	Jul 1904
38	The Adventure of The Missing Three-Quarter	MISS	Aug 1904



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39	The Adventure of The Abbey Grange	ABBE	Sep 1904
40	The Adventure of The Second Stain	SECO	Dec 1904
41	Wisteria Lodge	WIST	Aug 1908
42	The Adventure of The Bruce-Partington Plans	BRUC	Dec 1908
43	The Adventure of The Devil's Foot	DEVI	Dec 1910
44	The Adventure of The Red Circle	REDC	Mar-Apr 1911
45	The Adventure of The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax	LADY	Dec 1911
46	The Adventure of The Dying Detective	DYIN	Nov 1913
47	The Valley of Fear	VALL	Sep 1914-May 1915
48	His Last Bow	LAST	Sep 1917
49	The Adventure of The Mazarin Stone	MAZA	Oct 1921
50	The Problem of Thor Bridge	THOR	Feb 1922
51	The Adventure of The Creeping Man	CREE	Mar 1923
52	The Adventure of The Sussex Vampire	SUSS	Jan 1924
53	The Adventure of The Three Garridebs	3GAR	Oct 1924
54	The Adventure of The Illustrious Client	ILLU	Nov 1924
55	The Adventure of The Three Gables	3GAB	Sep 1926
56	The Adventure of The Blanched Soldier	BLAN	Oct 1926
57	The Adventure of The Lion's Mane	LION	Nov 1926
58	The Adventure of The Retired Colourman	RETI	Dec 1926
59	The Adventure of The Veiled Lodger	VEIL	Jan 1927
60	The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place	SHOS	Mar 1927



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		A Study in Scarlet	STUD
		The Sign of Four	SIGN
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2		The Red-Headed League	REDH
3		A Case of Identity	IDEN
4		The Boscombe Valley Mystery	BOSC
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10		The Adventure of The Noble Bachelor	NOBL
11		The Adventure of The Beryl Coronet	BERY
12		The Adventure of The Copper Beeches	COPP
1	The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes	The Adventure of Silver Blaze	SILV
2		The Adventure of The Yellow Face	YELL
3		The Adventure of The Stockbroker's Clerk	STOC
4		The Adventure of The Gloria Scott	GLOR
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11		The Adventure of The Final Problem	FINA
		The Hound of the Baskervilles	HOUN
1	The Return of Sherlock Holmes	The Adventure of The Empty House	EMPT
2		The Adventure of The Norwood Builder	NORW
3		The Adventure of The Dancing Men	DANC
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4		The Adventure of The Bruce-Partington Plans	BRUC
5		The Adventure of The Dying Detective	DYIN
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8		His Last Bow	LAST
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2	The Adventure of The Musgrave Ritual	MUSG
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4	The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place	SHOS
5	The Adventure of The Resident Patient	RESI
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