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1 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 note lists the Canon, sorted in four different ways.

2 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".

| The Sherlock Holmes Canon - In Order of Publication in The Strand | | | |
|---|--|--------|---------------------|
| | 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 |

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| | Title | Abbrev | Date of Publication |
| 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 |
| 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 |

3 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, BOSCO, 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).



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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, RETT).

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.

| The Sherlock Holmes Canon - In Order of Publication in The Collections | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|--------|
| | | Title | Abbrev |
| | | A Study in Scarlet | STUD |
| | | The Sign of Four | SIGN |
| 1 | The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes | A Scandal in Bohemia | SCAN |
| 2 | | The Red-Headed League | REDH |
| 3 | | A Case of Identity | IDEN |
| 4 | | The Boscombe Valley Mystery | BOSC |
| 5 | | The Five Orange Pips | FIVE |
| 6 | | The Man with the Twisted Lip | TWIS |
| 7 | | The Adventure of The Blue Carbuncle | BLUE |
| 8 | | The Adventure of The Speckled Band | SPEC |
| 9 | | The Adventure of The Engineer's Thumb | ENGR |
| 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 |
| 5 | | The Adventure of The Musgrave Ritual | MUSG |
| 6 | | The Adventure of The Reigate Squire | REIG |
| 7 | | The Adventure of The Crooked Man | CROO |
| 8 | | The Adventure of The Resident Patient | RESI |
| 9 | | The Adventure of The Greek Interpreter | GREE |
| 10 | | The Adventure of The Naval Treaty | NAVA |
| 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 |
| 4 | | The Adventure of The Solitary Cyclist | SOLI |
| 5 | | The Adventure of The Priory School | PRIO |
| 6 | | The Adventure of Black Peter | BLAC |
| 7 | | The Adventure of Charles Augustus Milverton | CHAS |
| 8 | | The Adventure of The Six Napoleons | SIXN |



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| | | Title | Abbrev |
| 9 | | The Adventure of The Three Students | 3STU |
| 10 | | The Adventure of The Golden Pince-Nez | GOLD |
| 11 | | The Adventure of The Missing Three-Quarter | MISS |
| 12 | | The Adventure of The Abbey Grange | ABBE |
| 13 | | The Adventure of The Second Stain | SECO |
| 1 | His Last Bow | Wisteria Lodge | WIST |
| 2 | | The Adventure of The Cardboard Box | CARD |
| 3 | | The Adventure of The Red Circle | REDC |
| 4 | | The Adventure of The Bruce-Partington Plans | BRUC |
| 5 | | The Adventure of The Dying Detective | DYIN |
| 6 | | The Adventure of The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax | LADY |
| 7 | | The Adventure of The Devil's Foot | DEVI |
| 8 | | His Last Bow | LAST |
| | | The Valley of Fear | VALL |
| 1 | The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes | The Adventure of The Illustrious Client | ILLU |
| 2 | | The Adventure of The Blanched Soldier | BLAN |
| 3 | | The Adventure of The Mazarin Stone | MAZA |
| 4 | | The Adventure of The Three Gables | 3GAB |
| 5 | | The Adventure of The Sussex Vampire | SUSS |
| 6 | | The Adventure of The Three Garridebs | 3GAR |
| 7 | | The Problem of Thor Bridge | THOR |
| 8 | | The Adventure of The Creeping Man | CREE |
| 9 | | The Adventure of The Lion's Mane | LION |
| 10 | | The Adventure of The Veiled Lodger | VEIL |
| 11 | | The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place | SHOS |
| 12 | | The Adventure of The Retired Colourman | RETI |

4 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.

| The Sherlock Holmes Canon - In Order of their Occurrence | | | |
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| | | Title | Abbrev |
| 1 | | The Adventure of The Gloria Scott | GLOR |
| 2 | | The Adventure of The Musgrave Ritual | MUSG |
| 3 | | A Study in Scarlet | STUD |
| 4 | | The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place | SHOS |
| 5 | | The Adventure of The Resident Patient | RESI |
| 6 | | The Adventure of The Beryl Coronet | BERY |
| 7 | | The Adventure of The Speckled Band | SPEC |
| 8 | | The Problem of Thor Bridge | THOR |
| 9 | | The Adventure of The Cardboard Box | CARD |
| 10 | | The Adventure of The Yellow Face | YELL |



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| | Title | Abbrev |
| 11 | The Adventure of The Greek Interpreter | GREE |
| 12 | The Adventure of Charles Augustus Milverton | CHAS |
| 13 | The Valley of Fear | VALL |
| 14 | The Adventure of The Reigate Squire | REIG |
| 15 | The Adventure of Silver Blaze | SILV |
| 16 | The Sign of Four | SIGN |
| 17 | The Five Orange Pips | FIVE |
| 18 | The Adventure of The Noble Bachelor | NOBL |
| 19 | A Scandal in Bohemia | SCAN |
| 20 | The Adventure of The Stockbroker's Clerk | STOC |
| 21 | The Adventure of The Crooked Man | CROO |
| 22 | The Adventure of The Second Stain | SECO |
| 23 | The Adventure of The Naval Treaty | NAVA |
| 24 | The Adventure of The Dying Detective | DYIN |
| 25 | The Adventure of The Blue Carbuncle | BLUE |
| 26 | The Adventure of The Boscombe Valley Mystery | BOSC |
| 27 | The Man with the Twisted Lip | TWIS |
| 28 | The Adventure of The Engineer's Thumb | ENGR |
| 29 | The Hound of the Baskervilles | HOUN |
| 30 | A Case of Identity | IDEN |
| 31 | The Adventure of The Copper Beeches | COPP |
| 32 | The Red-Headed League | REDH |
| 32 | The Adventure of The Final Problem | FINA |
| 34 | The Adventure of The Empty House | EMPT |
| 35 | The Adventure of The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax | LADY |
| 35 | The Adventure of The Norwood Builder | NORW |
| 37 | The Adventure of The Sussex Vampire | SUSS |
| 38 | The Adventure of The Golden Pince-Nez | GOLD |
| 39 | The Adventure of The Red Circle | REDC |
| 40 | Wisteria Lodge | WIST |
| 41 | The Adventure of The Three Students | 3STU |
| 42 | The Adventure of The Solitary Cyclist | SOLI |
| 43 | The Adventure of Black Peter | BLAC |
| 44 | The Adventure of The Bruce-Partington Plans | BRUC |
| 45 | The Adventure of The Veiled Lodger | VEIL |
| 46 | The Adventure of The Missing Three-Quarter | MISS |
| 47 | The Adventure of The Devil's Foot | DEVI |
| 48 | The Adventure of The Abbey Grange | ABBE |
| 49 | The Adventure of The Dancing Men | DANC |
| 50 | The Adventure of The Retired Colourman | RETI |
| 51 | The Adventure of The Six Napoleons | SIXN |
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| 54 | The Adventure of The Three Gables | 3GAB |



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| 55 | The Adventure of The Illustrious Client | ILLU |
| 56 | The Adventure of The Creeping Man | CREE |
| 57 | The Adventure of The Blanched Soldier | BLAN |
| 58 | The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone | MAZA |
| 59 | The Adventure of The Lion's Mane | LION |
| 60 | His Last Bow | LAST |

5 In Order of their Abbreviations

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

| The Sherlock Holmes Canon - In Order of their Abbreviations | | |
|--|---|--------|
| | Title | Abbrev |
| 1 | The Adventure of The Three Gables | 3GAB |
| 2 | The Adventure of The Three Garridebs | 3GAR |
| 3 | The Adventure of The Three Students | 3STU |
| 4 | The Adventure of The Abbey Grange | ABBE |
| 5 | The Adventure of The Beryl Coronet | BERY |
| 6 | The Adventure of Black Peter | BLAC |
| 7 | The Adventure of The Blanched Soldier | BLAN |
| 8 | The Adventure of The Blue Carbuncle | BLUE |
| 9 | The Boscombe Valley Mystery | BOSC |
| 10 | The Adventure of The Bruce-Partington Plans | BRUC |
| 11 | The Adventure of The Cardboard Box | CARD |
| 12 | The Adventure of Charles Augustus Milverton | CHAS |
| 13 | The Adventure of The Copper Beeches | COPP |
| 14 | The Adventure of The Creeping Man | CREE |
| 15 | The Adventure of The Crooked Man | CROO |
| 16 | The Adventure of The Dancing Men | DANC |
| 17 | The Adventure of The Devil's Foot | DEVI |
| 18 | The Adventure of The Dying Detective | DYIN |
| 19 | The Adventure of The Empty House | EMPT |
| 20 | The Adventure of The Engineer's Thumb | ENGR |
| 21 | The Adventure of The Final Problem | FINA |
| 22 | The Five Orange Pips | FIVE |
| 23 | The Adventure of The Gloria Scott | GLOR |
| 24 | The Adventure of The Golden Pince-Nez | GOLD |
| 25 | The Adventure of The Greek Interpreter | GREE |
| 26 | The Hound of the Baskervilles | HOUN |
| 27 | A Case of Identity | IDEN |
| 28 | The Adventure of The Illustrious Client | ILLU |
| 29 | The Adventure of The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax | LADY |
| 30 | His Last Bow | LAST |
| 31 | The Adventure of The Lion's Mane | LION |
| 32 | The Adventure of The Mazarin Stone | MAZA |



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| The Sherlock Holmes Canon - In Order of their Abbreviations | | |
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| 33 | The Adventure of The Missing Three-Quarter | MISS |
| 34 | The Adventure of The Musgrave Ritual | MUSG |
| 35 | The Adventure of The Naval Treaty | NAVA |
| 36 | The Adventure of The Noble Bachelor | NOBL |
| 37 | The Adventure of The Norwood Builder | NORW |
| 38 | The Adventure of The Priory School | PRIO |
| 39 | The Adventure of The Red Circle | REDC |
| 40 | The Red-Headed League | REDH |
| 41 | The Adventure of The Reigate Squire | REIG |
| 42 | The Adventure of The Resident Patient | RESI |
| 43 | The Adventure of The Retired Colourman | RETI |
| 44 | A Scandal in Bohemia | SCAN |
| 45 | The Adventure of The Second Stain | SECO |
| 46 | The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place | SHOS |
| 47 | The Sign of Four | SIGN |
| 48 | The Adventure of Silver Blaze | SILV |
| 49 | The Adventure of The Six Napoleons | SIXN |
| 50 | The Adventure of The Solitary Cyclist | SOLI |
| 51 | The Adventure of The Speckled Band | SPEC |
| 52 | The Stockbroker's Clerk | STOC |
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