



# Ineffable Twaddle

*"It is my business to know what other people don't know."*

The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle

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## Story & Meeting Content for 2024 SOB Meetings (to September):

★ *We return to our New 5-year Cycle—wrapping-up on the theme, "Working life, home life & lives of women" with...★*

**January** A Case of Identity  
via Zoom

★ *We continue our 5-year Cycle with 2 stories on the theme, "Education and schooling" (3STU, PRIO)★*

**February** The Three Students  
In-person meeting

**March** The Priory School  
via Zoom

★ *Our 5-year Cycle continues with 2 stories on the theme, "Changing family dynamics" (SPEC, COPP)★*

**April** The Speckled Band  
In-person meeting

**May** The Copper Beeches  
via Zoom, with SOB Naching Kassa presenting

★ *Our 5-year Cycle continues on the subject, "Rule Britannia" with...★*

**June** The Sign of Four  
In-person meeting

★ *We continue our 5-year Cycle with 3 stories on the theme, "The European Situation" (GLOR, SIXN, SECO)★*

**July** The Gloria Scott  
via Zoom

**August** The Six Napoleons  
In-person meeting

**September** The Second Stain  
via Zoom

*Would you like to present our story discussion at one of the July through September meetings? If so, please contact PFL David by March 31, 2024.*

To begin with, please note (*at left*) that we will continue with our pattern of rotating our meetings—with Zoom meetings occurring in odd-numbered months and In-person meetings occurring in even-numbered months—with ALL Meetings occurring on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

## Join The SOB's Next Zoom Meeting

★ **Sunday, January 21, 2024** ★

12:00 (Noon) to 12:30 p.m. Pacific time  
Social Time!!

12:30 p.m. Pacific time—Structured meeting  
with discussion & quizzing on "IDEN"



**Says Program Chair  
Sunny Even**

**"...a boy in buttons entered to announce..."**

Children appear rarely in the Sherlock Holmes stories, as in this brief mention from "A Case of Identity." But our look at Victorian lives, both working and domestic, would be incomplete without a discussion of their most important and cherished component—their children. Through most of Victoria's reign, one in three people were under the age of 15 (a ratio that held steady into the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century). The average number of children per family was six by midcentury,



and about one-fifth of all families had 10 or more children. Because of poor nutrition and disease, infant deaths were...

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...more common in the working class and the truly large families were among the middle and upper classes. This reversed over the course of the 19<sup>th</sup> century as nutrition and hygiene improved, and economic pressures pushed marriage age later and education costs higher. Reasonably dependable contraception methods were also becoming available. Middle class families began to limit size to maintain or improve their economic standing, so by the turn of the century the average manual laborer had twice as many children as the typical professional man.

Victorians viewed childhood and child rearing in fairly modern ways. Social views were influenced by the competing doctrines of Christianity (original sin and the animalistic nature of infants), Lockean\* ideals of reason and directed development, and Rousseau’s belief in the “otherness” of childhood, which should honor childish games, instincts and expressions for their own sake. Child rearing advice appears imminently practical as it embraced all three perspectives. Childhood was viewed as a time of original innocence, with a strong sense of wonder and imagination, but not as a separate stage of life. The importance of establishing continuity between childhood and adulthood was also emphasized, through nurturing feelings and perceptions that could carry over into adulthood, to the betterment of society. The idea that a nation would and should be judged by how it treats its young people emerged during the 19<sup>th</sup> century, as did the notion that a carefree childhood is critical to an adult’s ability to lead a happy life. These ideas over time changed the Victorian view of childhood to something separate and unique.

Victorian sentimentality worshipped motherhood and family values, but the reality was more complicated. The fact was that three-quarters of the population were working or poor, and their children were a vital economic resource for the family. In the working class, children looked after themselves, and a seven-year-old would have almost full responsibility for the baby. Middle class families strove to afford nursery maids, governesses and boarding schools. Most nursery maids could more properly be described as child-minders—in the 1851 census, hundreds of people whose occupation was *nurse maid*, were themselves under the age of nine. In the final analysis the idealized loving mother probably spent only an hour or two a day with her children, whether due to work or class reasons.

The 19<sup>th</sup> century also marked a transitional time in child labor and education. Children had always worked, whether on farms or in cottage industries. However, once production became ...

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\* Empiricist John Locke: ‘Lockean thought’ was his notion of the Tabula Rasa—the “Blank Slate.”  
Source: [Locke, John | Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy \(utm.edu\)](https://www.utm.edu/internet/library/locke/locke.html)

“...life is infinitely stranger than anything which the mind of man could invent”...

A Quiz by: SOB Charlie Cook

1. Holmes claimed that there was nothing so unnatural as what?
2. Who is the young lady seeking Holmes’ help?
3. Who is Mr. Windibank?
4. Who recommended Holmes to the client?
5. Who is it that Holmes is asked to find?
6. What was the occupation of Holmes’ client’s father?
7. How much was the typist paid?
8. What did Holmes tell Watson was the first thing about a **woman** he noticed?
9. What did Holmes tell Watson was the first thing about a **man** he noticed?
10. According to Watson, what acted as a counsellor to Holmes?
11. Holmes quotes a saying from what culture justifying his refusal to inform the client what he learned?
12. What two dangers does Holmes take into consideration for not informing his client what he learned?



Answers to this Quiz may be found on Page 9

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...more centralized in factories and mines the role of children in the economy changed dramatically. Manufacturers found them suitable for many industrial needs, as they were also docile, hardworking and cheap. Children were no longer assisting production but an integral and necessary part of production. Their exploitation in textile mills and coal mines was highly controversial and became more visible thanks to writers like Charles Dickens. Working class children often toiled 12 to 16 hours a day, six or even seven days a week in hot, stuffy, cramped and dangerous conditions. The question of whether more children were working in the 19<sup>th</sup> century than before continued to be hotly debated, and even over the term “exploitation” since, for many families, the income raised by children was essential for their survival. Gradually a series of child labor and mandatory education laws made more restrictive the permissible age of work and working hours. The process was slow and fraught with legislative battles, as this was a new interference in the lives of families and private businesses. Considerable evidence was commissioned and collected, repeatedly over decades, before Parliament was convinced that the Industrial Revolution had placed a dreadful burden on children and was stripping them of not only their childhood, but also their future. However, enforceable legislation was passed only when the process of industrialization was almost complete.

Despite the difficult conditions of many children’s lives, the sentimental idealization of childhood is a striking characteristic of Victorianism and continues to this day. In literature, children are depicted as innocent, spontaneous, appealing and naturally good. It was partly to protect—or create—this innocence that nursery children were separated from the adult world. Many facts of life (economic facts as well as moral and sexual information) for the first time were considered unsuitable for children. Even teenagers were forbidden to read newspapers and were sent out of the room for serious discussions. Rising prosperity, compulsory education, and restrictions on child labor all worked to extend the length of childhood too. A separate culture of childhood began to take shape when schooling removed young people from the family and working world. In everything from toys and games and children’s literature, to the creation of juvenile courts and development of pediatric medicine, childhood had become a distinct and special stage of existence.

In the next two months we will explore children’s lives further by delving into Victorian primary and higher education—as we study “The Three Students” (in February) and “The Priory School” (in March).



## SOB Kris Hambrick’s Sherlock on Screen: A Case of Identity

A bit thin in the actual plot department, it's no wonder "**A Case of Identity**," while a lost silent film, has only been alluded to (in the BBC *Sherlock* series) and heavily tweaked (in the *Sherlock Holmes in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Century* cartoons). So I thought I'd take advantage of Sunny's theme of "working life, home life, and the lives of women" to highlight a few Holmes-related goodies that feature women prominently—and not just as a love interest.

I mentioned **Joanne Woodward's** Dr. Watson a few months ago, and there's also "*The Return of Sherlock Holmes*," a 1987 TV movie starring **Margaret Colin** as Jane Watson and Michael Pennington as Holmes. ...



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But starting in the 2010s, we really get going. The first was *"Elementary,"* running from 2012-2019 and starring **Lucy Liu** as Joan Watson, Sherlock's sober companion. Initially skeptical of her charge's plans, she discovers a knack for investigation and their relationship deepens, and Liu's performance received excellent reviews. This is currently available for streaming on Hulu and Amazon, I believe.



A shorter lived, but excellent series is the Japanese *"Miss Sherlock"* (2018), another modern day adaptation that feels stylistically similar to the BBC production but with Holmes and Watson both played by women. Sadly, **Yuko Takeuchi** passed away in 2020 at the age of 40, but the six episodes are on Max and worth a look, as her Sherlock's relationship to propriety playfully comes up against cultural norms in a way that truly makes this a Japanese take on the material.

And finally we have two Netflix offerings, one successful, the other not: the *"Enola Holmes"* films (2020, 2022) starring **Millie Bobby Brown**, and *"The Irregulars"* with **Thaddea Graham as Bea**. The Enola films are based on the character from the popular novels by Nancy Springer about a much younger sister of Sherlock and Mycroft, and follow her adventures solving cases relating to the role of women in Victorian society. While *"Enola Holmes"*



got a sequel, sadly my pet favorite, *"The Irregulars,"* was cancelled after an 8 episode run. While extremely unconventional as a Holmes story, for my money the focus on a diverse cast, a very troubled Holmes and Watson, and the integration of supernatural elements made it a delightful romp.

So there you have it: not enough, perhaps, to make up for a century of masculine-focused Holmes films, but a decent start if you're looking for something to watch during the new year!



## Our Always-Free Raffles Now Extend to Our Zoom Meetings!!

*See further details about our newest member benefit in the December 2023 issue of Twaddle!*

**Our next "Raffle on Zoom" will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2024**

"Raffles on Zoom" offer anyone who follows us on Zoom and who attends one of our bi-monthly Zoom Meetings—often populated by many of our out-of-town members—the chance to win free prizes...with free "raffle tickets" and free delivery of winners' items via U.S. Postal Service by free Club-paid postage!!

Here's how these raffles work: **PFL David** will send an email to all SOBs the week before the scheduled Zoom Meeting with a list of the items being offered, and offering the same number of (virtual) raffle tickets to everyone. The list of January's raffle items will be announced in an email to you the week of January 14 and will tell you the closing date for making your decisions. ♦ Those choosing to participate should then email to **Treasurer Melinda Michaelson** their name and address and how they want their raffle tickets distributed; for example, if there are 10 items in the raffle, you might ask for your tickets to be distributed like this: 3 for raffle item #1, 4 for item #5, and 3 for item #10, or any similar combination. **Email all bids to Melinda at: [sobtreasurer1980@gmail.com](mailto:sobtreasurer1980@gmail.com).**



On the closing date for the raffle, **Melinda** will provide the **Haugens** with a spreadsheet of all the respondents' choices. They then will lay out the items on Saturday before the meeting, distributing each person's requested number of "tickets" to each item. Playing "Vanna White," Terri will pull the winning tickets on each item and compile the list of winners—which will be announced at the Zoom Meeting on Sunday. Winners' items will then be shipped to them free-of-charge by **Treasurer Melinda**!!

It's pretty simple and was an easy process on this end. In November's (our first!!) raffle, 10 items were offered and five Members participated; one won 4 items, another won 3 items, and the other three folks received 1 item each!!

*We hope you'll all like this new member benefit and will look forward to participating!!!*

## Things to See, Buy, Do and Know

### ⇒ From SOB Lauran Stevens:

#### • Did you know there is a Lion's Mane mushroom?

It's said to be so beneficial that not only can people eat it but it is good for dogs too! I wonder what Holmes would think?



• Audio Editions offers "**Sherlock Holmes and the Twelve Thefts of Christmas**" *for half price!* Written by Tim Major and read by Tom Woosnam, it's described this way: "Holmes' discovery of a mysterious musical score initiates a devious Christmas challenge from Irene Adler, with clues that are all variations on the theme of 'theft without theft.'" For 9 CDs (use code ZEGpio [u]), \$20.<sup>98</sup>; for 1 MP3 CD (use code ZMGpio [u]), \$15.<sup>98</sup>. **Audio Editions:** Call 800-231-4261; or, online [www.audioeditions.com](http://www.audioeditions.com)

⇒ **Editor Terri spied this:** In the Sept. 26/Oct. 3, 2022 issue of Time Magazine—"Renewed calls to return crown jewel." Shortly after Queen Elizabeth II died on Sept. 8, 2022 "**Kohinoor**" began trending on Indian Twitter. ♦ It was a reference to one of the world's most famous gems. The Kohinoor diamond is just one of 2,800 stones set in the crown made for Elizabeth's mother, known as the Queen Mother—but the 105-carat oval-shaped brilliant is the proverbial jewel in the crown. When it was mined in what is now modern-day Andhra Pradesh, during the Kakatiyan dynasty of the 12<sup>th</sup>—14<sup>th</sup> centuries, it was believed to have been 793 carats uncut. The earliest record of its possession puts it in the hands of Mughals in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Then the Persians seized it, and then the Afghans. ♦ It was then acquired by the British during the annexation of Punjab. The East India Company got hold of the stone in the late 1840s, after forcing the 10-year-old Maharajah Duleep Singh to surrender his lands and possessions. The Company then presented the gem to Queen Victoria. Prince Albert asked for it to be recut and it was set in the crowns of Queens Alexandra and Mary before being placed in the Queen Mother's crown in 1937. The Queen Mother wore part of the crown at her daughter's coronation in 1953. The Kohinoor has been among the British crown jewels since then, but governments in Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India have all laid claim to the diamond. While no plans for the future of the gem have been disclosed, the prospect of it remaining in the U.K. has prompted many Twitter users in India to demand its return. ♦ It is not the first time that the diamond's return has been sought. Upon India's independence in 1947, the government asked for the diamond back. India made another demand in the year of Elizabeth II's coronation. These demands fell on deaf ears, with the U.K. arguing that there are no legal grounds for the Kohinoor's restitution to India. British-Indian author Saurav Dutt says the chances of the UK returning the jewel are slim. ↗



⇒ **SOB Larry Raisch, Sr. sent this, as did SOB Bill Seil:** Said Larry—"I saw this article about a rare giant rat in the news on Dec. 1 at this link: [Rare giant rat that can grow to the size of a baby and chew through coconuts caught on camera for first time - CBS News](#). Since Vangunu is not that far from Sumatra, I wonder if this is the **Giant Rat of Sumatra** that the world was not ready to hear about." ☺ Here's an excerpt from the article:

"An ultra-rare gigantic rat so big that it puts New York City's subway-dwelling rodents to shame has been caught on camera for the first time. ♦ *Uromys vika*, a giant rat known for being 'one of the world's rarest rodents', according to the University of Melbourne, is found in just one isolated spot throughout the world—the island of Vangunu in the Solomon Islands. The species was only first identified by a single animal discovered in 2017, but recently, university researchers said that after placing out glass oil lamps filled with sesame oil, they captured 95 images of four different animals in the species using trap cameras, the first images to document the species. It's believed that of the animals documented, one is a male while the others are female. While little is known about the species, scientists are sure of one thing—they're huge. ♦ 'The rare giant rat is at least twice the size of a common rat, is tree-dwelling and reportedly can chew through coconuts with its teeth,' the University of Melbourne said in a press release. According to science news site LiveScience, the rodents can grow to be about a foot-and-a-half long—about the size of a newborn baby. ... The discovery of the giant rat in 2017 was the first time in more than 80 years a new rodent species had been identified in the Solomon Islands."



⇒ **SOB Maffie Rafferty sent this news:** Yay, Andrew Scott and Sam Claflin! The Golden Globes for 2024 are scheduled for January 7, 2024. Amongst those nominated in mid-December in the category **Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture, Drama** is **Andrew Scott** (Moriarty in *Sherlock*) for "All of Us Strangers"; and in the category **Best Performance by an Actor, Limited Series, Anthology Series or Motion Picture Made for Television** is **Sam Claflin** (Mycroft in *Enola Holmes* films) for "Daisy Jones & the Six." For the whole list of nominees, use this link: [Golden Globes 2024: Full Nominations List \(variety.com\)](https://www.goldenglobes.com/nominees)

⇒ **Notes from PFL David:** More info for our **arm-chair surfers:**

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## Books, Books, Books!!

**SOB Margie Deck** at our December 2023 In-person Meeting shared with us her newest-published books. The new ones appear in this list:



With Remarkable Cunning: The Manservant of Merripit House and other tales of Sherlock Holmes

by Margie Deck | Dec 12, 2023

Paperback

\$24<sup>95</sup>

You Earn: 25 pts

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Arrives before Christmas



The Genius of the Place: Gothic Tales Inspired by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and The Strand Magazine

by Margie Deck and Arthur Conan Doyle | Dec 12, 2023

Paperback

\$24<sup>95</sup>

You Earn: 25 pts

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Steel True, Blade Straight 2023 Annual : The Belanger Books Journal of SHERLOCK HOLMES and SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE-Inspired Stories, Poems and Scholarship

Book 2 of 2: Steel True, Blade Straight | by Derrick Belanger, Mark Jones, et al. | Dec 12, 2023

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> in this list—the **Steel True, Blade Straight 2023 Annual**—published in December as well; Margie has a short story and an essay in it. SOB Naching Kassa also has a piece in this book.

At Amazon, you can just search on “Books by Margie Deck”:

[https://www.amazon.com/k=Books+by+Margie+Deck&crd=1KHfirH47EZM1&srefix=books+by+margie+deck%2Caps%2C399&ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss](https://www.amazon.com/k=Books+by+Margie+Deck&crd=1KHfirH47EZM1&srefix=books+by+margie+deck%2Caps%2C399&ref=nb_sb_noss)

**SOB Margaret Nelson** provides these comments and review:

*This essay concerns a book which Al had never read though it took up bookshelf space for years. Turns out to be pretty good.*

### Notes on In the Shadow of Sherlock Holmes: Classic Detective Fiction Edited by Leslie S. Klinger

**In the Shadow of Sherlock Holmes** contains selected detective fiction published between 1862 and 1910. I was struck by two of the stories because they reminded me of Sherlockian stories written by Doyle. The first is “The Little Old Man of Batignolle” credited to Emile Gaboriau, 1876. Briefly, a medical student in Paris, M. Godeuil, has a mysterious, married neighbor M. Machinet. Machinet keeps irregular hours and one night comes home bleeding. He seeks medical help from Godeuil and subsequently is asked to go with Machinet to the scene of a murder. Machinet it turns out is a detective with the Surete and the crime is a murder where the victim, lying in a pool of his own blood, appears to have begun to write, on the floor, a name in his own blood, apparently that of the murderer?

The story continues and “A Study in Scarlet”, written in 1887, has some other similarities. There is a clever plot that diverged from what I expected but was very well done. Go to <https://archive.org/details/14201641.2531.emory.edu/page/n9/mode/2up>, which will take you to a scan of a book...

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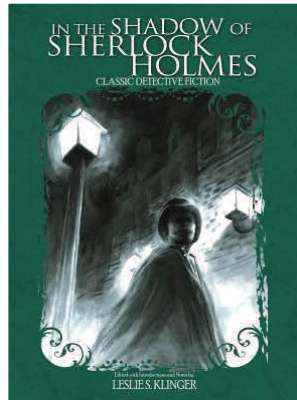
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...from 1886 with a reprint of the story. I recommend it!

Another story in the “Shadow” volume is “Terror in the Snow” written by Bertram Fletcher Robinson in 1904. He was the journalist who told Doyle stories about spectral black hounds that got worked into “The Hound of the Baskervilles,” published in 1901.

This is one of my favorite types of stories, a murder mystery set in a snowy English country manor house at Christmas. The premise is that a Mr. Phillips is invited to spend Christmas at the manor along with other guests. One, a previous acquaintance, takes him on a tour of the house and tells the story of why a portrait from the 18<sup>th</sup> century has a painted-out section. The story includes the former lords who adopted a white wolf cub, with bad consequences. There was a killing, the wolf was the suspect, and the locals fear the wolf still walks each Christmas, bringing terror to the countryside.

Now in 1904 there is a murder; and Phillips looked out the window to see a white wolf on the grounds. The story continues. Finally the criminal is unmasked by Inspector Addington Peace who is a logical, reasoning man. I quite enjoyed this story; Robinson really was a good writer. You can read it at: [https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/The\\_Chronicles\\_of\\_Addington\\_Peace/The\\_Terror\\_in\\_the\\_Snow](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/The_Chronicles_of_Addington_Peace/The_Terror_in_the_Snow) and I plan to get the book about Addington Peace’s Chronicles.



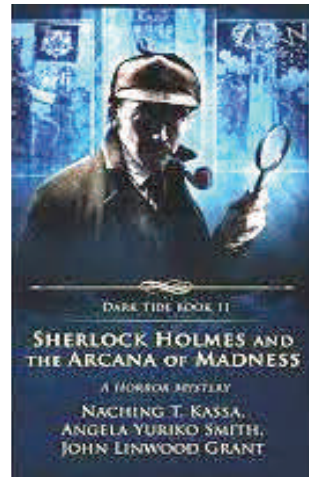
**SOB Charlie Cook** provides this review especially for The SOBs, as requested by co-author **SOB Naching**:

### **Sherlock Holmes and the Arcana of Madness**

**By Naching T. Kassa, Angela Yuriko Smith  
& John Linwood Grant**

*Prior to the beginning, a short history of the discovery of the tales presented along with some speculation as to why they were never published by Watson and why it takes three modern day authors to complete his original notes is presented. Also, why they may not be included here in chronological order.*

In Part 1, “A Promise of Blades” **by Grant**, Tarot cards seem to be everywhere. Holmes has received The Ace of Swords replacing an ace of spades. Poor Lestrade seeks the sleuth’s help as he has an art dealer with



his throat cut and an art collector with his wrists slashed. Both were in possession of spades and so they must have had Tarot’s also. In a similar manner more bodies keep piling up and may be connected to an occult organization, The Black Hand, which believes that the cards are crucial in aiding the coming of a savior of mankind.

Holmes, Watson and Lestrade must find the killers responsible.

In Part 2, “The Adventure of the Tarot Card Prophecies” **by Smith**, Holmes must decipher the secret of the cards. But along the way H & W witness a ritual blood-letting sacrifice and save a child. Others certainly are also in danger, but Lestrade needs evidence before he can act. The Baker Street boys infiltrate the Organization and find themselves in harm’s way. Of course, they escape and this episode ends with Holmes receiving another card, The Four of Swords.

Part 3, “The Riddle of the Red Tower” **by Kassa**, begins as a ghost story. A clairvoyant artist in an insane asylum has been painting and drawing pictures of events before they happen. He is also hounded by a ghost. So, too, is good old Dr. Watson! Ta Da! Eventually Holmes discovers one of the ubiquitous Tarot cards in the artist’s asylum room. It was The Tower (red), which the detective indicates as representing danger “if you believe that sort of thing.” There have also been murders which Holmes must solve while Watson puts flesh to his ghost.

There are some exciting passages in these tales and a lot of the Tarot card business including much about occult activities and spirits; the latter which, as usual, Holmes finds absurd but of paramount danger from those who don’t.

The editors conclude with a short summary of the authors’ backgrounds and their literary contributions.

*SOB Naching Kassa*



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### • “10 Movie Characters Who Will Never Really Die”:

At number 5 was **Henry Cavill as Holmes** in the *Enola Holmes* films. Their reasoning: “Arthur Conan Doyle’s Sherlock Holmes is one of the greatest characters in history. From his catchphrases and signature style to his impressive deductive skills, **Holmes remains the most famous detective ever**, albeit fictional. The character’s story has been the subject of movies and



shows, both those that follow the Canon closely and those that stray far away from it. Interestingly enough, Holmes’ latest on-screen appearance, courtesy of **Henry Cavill**, took place in *Enola Holmes 2*, and he was a supporting character for once. With *Enola Holmes 3* rumored to be in development, there is still a chance to see more of

Cavill’s unique take on the world’s best detective.”

### • “Basil Rathbone as Sherlock Holmes”:

—If you’re a Rathbone fan, check out these modifications to his original black & white filmography; i.e., coloured:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8Iqmc2ZGfwwXG3M10e5loundqvdiOZZXm)

[list=PL8Iqmc2ZGfwwXG3M10e5loundqvdiOZZXm](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8Iqmc2ZGfwwXG3M10e5loundqvdiOZZXm)

—If you’re a traditionalist, here’s a source for a batch still in b & w!! [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H\\_Di4ZeZ0gY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_Di4ZeZ0gY)

—See all 13 original b & w films remastered in high def!

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLST25L7XQzX-c2C9gkTTS98\\_9HKr5Mk97](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLST25L7XQzX-c2C9gkTTS98_9HKr5Mk97)

### • Where to Spend your Sherlockian Money:

—Check out **Zazzle** to search for “Sherlockian Gifts.” It appears that all of them are on sale. **Best Sherlock Gift Ideas | Zazzle**

—**It’s not too late:** 2024 Sherlock Holmes Calendars:

- ◆ The 2024 Sherlock Holmes Page-a-Day Calendar: \$24.<sup>95</sup> + \$6.<sup>45</sup> postage. [2024 Page A Day Sherlock Holmes Calendar – Sherlock Holmes Books by MX Publishing](#)

- ◆ The Strand Magazine’s Sherlock Holmes Calendar (2024) \$29.99: [Sherlock Holmes Calendar \(2024\): The Strand Magazine, The Strand Magazine, Danny Smith, Jeffrey McKeever, and Sidney Paget: 0198168893074: Amazon.com: Books](#)

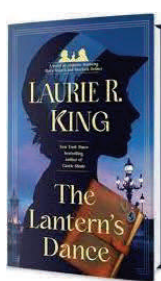
- ◆ Sherlock Holmes 221B Baker Street” 11x14 Unframed Calendar Art Print - Great Decor and Gift for Mystery, Detective and graphic Novel Fans. *One page with diagram of 221B.* [https://www.amazon.com/2021-Calendar-Sherlock-Unframed-Detective/dp/B088YY5K23/ref=asc\\_df\\_B088YY5K23](https://www.amazon.com/2021-Calendar-Sherlock-Unframed-Detective/dp/B088YY5K23/ref=asc_df_B088YY5K23)

- ◆ Sherlock Holmes 2024 Calendars: \$11.99. [Sherlock Holmes 2024 Calendars - CafePress](#)



—**A Sherlockian Conference in Ohio:** The Agra Treasurers’ ninth “*Holmes, Doyle, and Friends*” conference will be held at the Airport Clarion Inn in Dayton, Ohio, March 22 to 23. For all details and registration: [Holmes, Doyle, & Friends Conference, 2024 \(agratreasurers.net\)](#)

### ⇒ From Peter Blau’s *Scuttlebutt of the Spermaceti Press*:



- **Laurie R. King’s *The Lantern’s Dance*** (New York: Bantam, 2024; 298 pp., \$28.99) is billed as “a novel of suspense featuring Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes,” but it’s much more than that. Russell and Holmes are in France, dealing with a dire threat against his son Damian Adler, and in the course of the story we learn far more about Holmes’ family history than is hinted at in the Canon.

- **Robert Sharfman notes that while golf is mentioned only in passing** in the Canon, it was quite important to those who enjoy “The Hound of the Baskervilles,” and he **plans to found a Sherlockian society for people who play (or are interested in) golf**, with a possible event in the Midwest. He also suggests that non-golfers will be welcome as caddies or as drivers of the beer cart. You can contact him at [robertsharfan@gmail.com](mailto:robertsharfan@gmail.com)

- **KD Sherrinford’s *Meet Me in Milan*** (Extasy Books, 2023; 105 pp., \$7.25) is the third in her “Sherlock Holmes and Irene Adler” series (Feb 23 #3); it is a romantic novel that starts with Holmes away in London and Adler needing to prove the innocence of her friend Renata, who has been accused of attempting to murder her husband Luigi. The game’s afoot, with plenty of deception and intrigue, and (after Holmes returns to Milan) a successful conclusion to the mystery. Go to: [Amazon.com : KD Sherrinford Meet Me in Milan](#)

- **The television series “Sherlock’s Daughter,”** which was green-lit by Starlings Television in 2021 now has funding. The series (now titled “**Sherlock & Daughter**”) has been bought by networks in Scandinavia and Australia. The plot: “*A young American woman, after the mysterious murder of her mother, travels to London to track down her biological father, the legendary Sherlock Holmes, who isn’t the mythological figure she has come to expect.*”

- **The geese have returned to Baker Street!** The illuminated geese first appeared four years ago (Nov 19 #6), and they are again celebrating Christmas by reminding passersby of “The Blue Carbuncle.” You can see images of this year’s installation at: [Christmas in Baker Street The Sherlock Holmes Society of London \(sherlock-holmes.org.uk\)](#)







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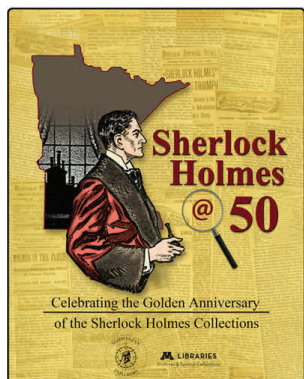
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### Answers To Cook's Quiz on Page 2: "A Case of Identity"

1. The Commonplace.
2. Mary Sutherland.
3. The client's step-father.
4. Mrs. Etherege.
5. Hosmer Angel.
6. Plumber.
7. Two pence a sheet.
8. Her sleeve.
9. The knee of his trousers.
10. An old and oily clay pipe.
11. Persian.
12. Taking a tiger's cub and snatching a delusion from a woman.



At left, Members at our December 2023 Meeting!!