



## **The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes**

**Arthur Conan Doyle (1859 - 1930)**

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*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is the first collection of short stories featuring the famous consulting detective character Sherlock Holmes. The stories are narrated by Holmes' friend Doctor Watson and are presented as case histories that showcase Holmes' extraordinary powers of observation and deduction. The stories followed the publication of the first two Holmes novels *A Study In Scarlet* and *The Sign of Four* and first appeared in the *Strand Magazine* between July 1891 and June 1892. They became so popular that twelve stories were collected in book form and published in both England and the United States in October 1892. The *Adventures* includes the Holmes classics "The Red-Headed League", "A Scandal In Bohemia", and "The Adventure of the Speckled Band". These and nine others are narrated here by Ruth Golding.

**Sir Arthur Conan Doyle** (May 22, 1859 - July 7, 1930) was a Scottish writer and physician best known for his novels and stories featuring consulting detective Sherlock Holmes. He was born in Edinburgh to a family of Irish Catholic descent that struggled with poverty and alcoholism. Arthur was supported by wealthy uncles and educated at Jesuit schools before attending the University of Edinburgh Medical School, where he began writing and submitting both fiction and non-fiction to periodicals. The character of Sherlock Holmes is partly modeled on university instructor Joseph Bell. He served as a ship's doctor on two voyages before establishing private practices in Plymouth and then Portsmouth. The first Sherlock Holmes novel, *A Study In Scarlet*, appeared in 1886 and was followed by *The Sign of Four* in 1890, establishing his literary career. Seeking to pursue more serious work, he famously attempted to end the Holmes series in 1893 with his death in "The Final Problem", but was summoned back by public acclaim. Doyle was an active sportsman, fathered five children in two marriages, and was known for his work in attempting to correct injustices and for his lively interest in spiritualism.