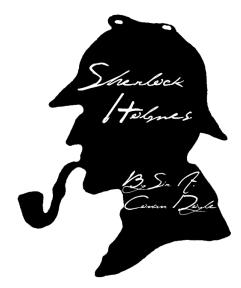
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Character #15

Sherlock Holmes

Sherlock Holmes is a **fictional private detective** created by British author **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**. Holmes is renowned for his piercing observation, insightfulness and logical reasoning employed when investigating cases for a wide range of clients, including Scotland Yard. He first appeared in print in the 1887 novel A Study in Scarlet, but the character's popularity became widespread with the first series of short stories published in The Strand Magazine starting with "A Scandal in Bohemia" in 1891. Other 55 short stories and 3 **novels** would later follow until **1927**. Holmes's adventures are all set between about 1880 to 1914 and most of them are narrated by the character of Holmes's friend and biographer **Dr. Watson**, who usually accompanies Holmes during his investigations. Among the features that make the character of Holmes so compelling and true-to-life are some quirks such as his bohemian untidiness, overconfidence in his intellectual abilities, avoidance of social company, drug abuse and unrepentant bachelorhood.



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Though not the first fictional literary detective ever – **Auguste Dupin** by Edgar Allan Poe (*The Murders in the Rue Morgue*, 1841) and **Sergeant Cuff** by Wilike Collins (*The Moonstone*, 1868) had preceded Sherlock Homes by a few decades – Holmes is arguably the most well-known of them and his stories have had a long-lasting impact on both **detective fiction** and **popular culture** in general, with both the original tales and thousands written by other authors being adapted into stage and radio plays, television, films, video games, and other media for over one century.