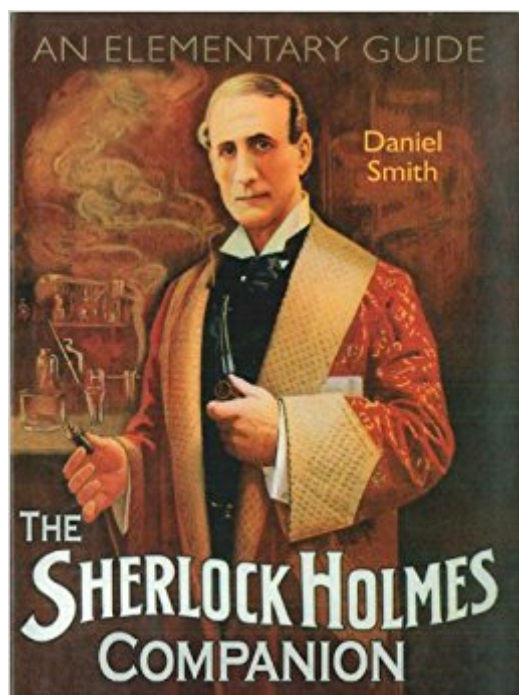


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# The Sherlock Holmes Companion



## Synopsis

Sherlock Holmes remains as popular, and as fascinating, now as he ever did. Now, in this beautiful and lavishly illustrated book, Daniel Smith explores Sherlock Holmes and his world in every engrossing respect. The Sherlock Holmes Companion, a witty and informed text, provides plot summaries of every single Sherlock Holmes story, in the order in which they were written, and with good-humored and even waspish assessments of their relative merits. There are compact biographies of Holmes, Moriarty, Watson, and Conan Doyle—whose own life and earnest preoccupations remain of enduring interest. The book contains many original interviews with some of the actors who have played Holmes, or written film or television scripts about him, over the years as well as a comprehensive chronology of all the thespians to attempt a portrayal of Holmes, from Basil Rathbone and Jeremy Brett to Stewart Granger. If you want to know the different kinds of firearms ever toted by Holmes, or when he first took to sporting a deerstalker, or how often the examination of footprints facilitated the successful solution of a case, or when Roger Moore played Holmes or Robert Duvall Watson and why, then this book is for you. Illustrated throughout with more than 150 pictures—half in full color—ranging from period engravings, gorgeous theatre posters and book jackets to modern-day location shots and film stills from TV adaptations, The Sherlock Holmes Companion is a compendious guide to all the stories, their author and the enigmatic pipe-smoking creation at their heart.

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"In this beautifully illustrated volume, Daniel Smith explores Holmes in historical context, and as a timeless figure constantly reinterpreted, investigating Holmes and his craft. Offering synopses of his cases, discussing Sir Arthur Conan Doyle as author, justice campaigner and family man, he examines the legacy of Holmes and his creator, the enduring appeal of the stories and their interpretation on screen and stage. A delightful, comprehensive and fascinating guide to a phenomenon that continues to enthral readers and audiences the world over, this detailed study is a great tribute to the detective and his world; literature and legend"

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Daniel Smith is a writer and book editor born in Wallington, Surrey (one of the settings in *The Adventure of the Cardboard Box*). He became a Holmes devotee when still a child, a passion that remained through an English degree and beyond. He now lives in East London with his fiancée and has more film versions of *The Hound of the Baskervilles* than he knows what to do with.

As a collector of all things Sherlockian, I kept putting this book off. I kept telling myself I didn't really need another Sherlock companion book, but I'm weak when it comes to this sort of thing, caved in and bought it anyway. I'm glad I did! It's one of the nicer companion books I've seen. It's laid out nicely with a brief synopsis of each story as well as a history of both fictional and non-fictional characters & actors who have portrayed Holmes and Watson. I found the timeline in the beginning very useful. The images are really nice. Some of them were new to me. Overall I've found this to be an enjoyable compilation & a worthy addition to my collection. I think this would be a great place to

start for anyone new to the Canon who discovered Sherlock from the excellent BBC production of the same name and wants to check out the original.

Very good, professional presentation. My only complaint is the summaries of the stories fail to include the conclusion... as if spoilers were called for in the case of stories that are over a hundred years old! Oh well, no big deal, since you can just google each story if you don't have the time to sit and read them all, but you shouldn't have to. Anyway, very enjoyable. Definitely recommended.

This is great beginner book. There are lots of facts and trivia which effectively make this great bedside reading. I've always enjoyed Sherlock Holmes and this is great addition to my library. For those new to Holmes, this is a great way to add something to the stories and help with understanding the world the Great Detective moved through. Two thumbs up!

OK book

This is really the best reference book for Sherlock Holmes. There is a synopsis of all the stories with info on Conan Doyle and all the major characters. A very enjoyable read!

Very good as a reference book to all the stories. two novels and the actors who have portrayed SH. If you are a fan of SH, you will want this book in your collection.

Very nice! In a very concise way, this book helps you to focus on the many small details you might otherwise glance by. I highly recommend this as a true companion for the Holmes fan

Gave this to my daughter for Christmas. She watches Sherlock Holmes and Dr Who religiously on PBS. This is the perfect companion book to Sherlock Holmes.

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