

"Sherlock Holmes Authors Raise \$100,000 for Undershaw" was the headline on a press release (June 30) <[www.einpresswire.com/article/575368182](http://www.einpresswire.com/article/575368182)> about the generosity of authors who have contributed their royalties from the MX Publishing's *Book of New Sherlock Holmes Stories* series to support the DFN Foundation's school for children with learning disabilities that now uses the first home that Conan Doyle built in Surrey. The series was launched in 2015 by editor David Marcum and now has 33 volumes of traditional Sherlock Holmes stories by more than 200 authors; there's detailed information about the series at <[www.tinyurl.com/2p9axp9j](http://www.tinyurl.com/2p9axp9j)>, and the school's web-site is at <[www.undershaw.education](http://www.undershaw.education)>.

Registration's now open for "Jubilee @221B" in Toronto, Sept. 23-26. More information about the conference, sponsored by the Bootmakers of Toronto and the Friends of the Arthur Conan Doyle Collection at the Toronto Public Library, will be found at <[www.acdfriends.org/jubilee221b.html](http://www.acdfriends.org/jubilee221b.html)>.

Les Klinger and Bert Coules were interviewed by Jon Rees and Karl Coppack on July 16 on their "Sherlock: From Adler to Amberley" blog available at YouTube <[www.youtube.com/watch?v=wc7v7V5IZtQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wc7v7V5IZtQ)>, and had interesting things to say about the Canon, and what people have done with or to it (their interview starts at 23:00). You're also welcome to visit their web-sites at <[www.lesliesklinger.com](http://www.lesliesklinger.com)> and <[www.bertcoules.co.uk](http://www.bertcoules.co.uk)>.

Sherlock Holmes isn't all that well known, it would appear: a collection of twenty DVDs with "TV Classics" <[www.ebay.com/p/6471353](http://www.ebay.com/p/6471353)> was issued in 2003, and the classic heroes whose portraits were on the cases did not include Sherlock Holmes.

Jennie Paton has found "The Private Eyes" (1980) at Dailymotion; it's a comedy that starred Don Knotts as Inspector Winship and Tim Conway as Dr. Tart in Canonical costume <[www.dailymotion.com/playlist/x733x1](http://www.dailymotion.com/playlist/x733x1)>, but without the scene reported in the original release in which Conway wore Sherlockian costume when Dr. Tart impersonated Inspector Winship.

The spring issue of the Baker Street Irregulars Trust's electronic newsletter For the Sake of the Trust, now edited by Ray Betzner, has been uploaded to the Trust's web-site <[www.bsitrust.org](http://www.bsitrust.org)>; there's an article by Bob Coghill about his adventures with the carboard box(es), and other news about the Trust's activities, and you're more than welcome to explore the Trust's web-site.

"The Literary Lounge is an exclusive speakeasy-style pop-up event inspired by Sherlock Holmes. Complete with cigar+port pairings, signature cocktails—including a CBD-infused drink, a limited bites menu, and views of beautiful Kansas Avenue from the private third-floor balcony. It's elementary, my dear. Bring your most cunning and clever friends for an evening of literary libations and fun." That's the promotion for an occasional event at the Cyrus Hotel in Topeka <[www.tinyurl.com/4868tb2t](http://www.tinyurl.com/4868tb2t)>; there's more about the hotel at <[www.cyrushotel.com](http://www.cyrushotel.com)> (in case you want to spend a night there reading "The Three Garridebs").

Jul 22 #2 The June issue of the quarterly newsletter of The Friends of The Sherlock Holmes Collections at the University of Minnesota offers Tim Johnson's long interview with Larry Millett about the past and future history of his series of novels about Sherlock Holmes and Shadwell Rafferty, and Musings by Julie McKuras in which she announces her retirement after 23 years of editing the newsletter. Copies are available from Tim Johnson (Elmer L. Anderson Library #15-G, Univ. of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455).

June L. Kinnee ("Miss Hatty Doran") died on May 25, 2022. She was a long-time member of the Trained Cormorants of Los Angeles County and one of the founders of the Curious Collectors of Baker Street, and for many years an enthusiastic ticket-seller for the Watson Fund raffle. June received her Investiture from the Baker Street Irregulars in 1999.

"The Adventure of the Trying Detective" is the latest "Baker Street Elementary" comic book from Joe Fay and Rusty and Steve Mason. You can find all of their comic books (and their comic strip) at the Crew of the Barque Lone Star web-site <[www.dfw-sherlock.org/baker-street-elementary.html](http://www.dfw-sherlock.org/baker-street-elementary.html)>.

*Sherlock Holmes and the Fiends of New York City* is the latest in the series of excellent audio recording by Big Finish; Nicholas Briggs stars as Sherlock Holmes, with Richard Earl as Watson and a strong supporting cast, in an interesting story written by Jonathan Barnes; 180 minutes on three CDs (\$30.25 CD+download or \$19.99 download only), and you can listen to a sample at their web-site <[www.bigfinish.com](http://www.bigfinish.com)>, where you'll find many other recordings available.

Roraima (the Venezuelan tepui considered by many to be the inspiration for "The Lost World") seems to be getting crowded: there's another documentary film ("House of the Gods") <[www.vimff.org/film/house-of-the-gods](http://www.vimff.org/film/house-of-the-gods)> that has not yet made it to television, but you can watch a trailer for the film at YouTube <[www.youtube.com/watch?v=VKhEpe8Rzww](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VKhEpe8Rzww)>.

Something new in Sherlockian artwork: "The Case of the Dueling Sherlocks" and "Sherlock Holmes at the Tower of London" are two performance-art photographs offered by Robert Kawika Sheer <[www.spiritshadows.net](http://www.spiritshadows.net)>; you can search for [sherlock] to find them easily.

Erika Kobayashi reminisces about "On Growing Up in a Household of Sherlock Translators" in a nice article at Crime Reads <[www.tinyurl.com/2p88wmdu](http://www.tinyurl.com/2p88wmdu)>. Her father was the late Tsukasa Kobayashi and her mother is Akane Higashiyama; they were co-founders of the Japan Sherlock Holmes Club, and Akane is its president.

John Wesley Anderson's *Sherlock Holmes in Little London: 1896 The Missing Year* (Colorado Springs: Circle Star, 2020; 303 pp., \$29.95) has Holmes and Watson, commissioned by the Queen herself, in hot pursuit of counterfeiters in a case that involves travel around the world, and keeps them busy for an entire year. "Little London" is Colorado Springs (the author is a Colorado historian), and they spend much of the year in the American west. The author's web-site is at <[www.jwander.com](http://www.jwander.com)>.

Jul 22 #3 "The Masks of Death" (1984) was a British television film that was broadcast in 1984, with Peter Cushing as Holmes and John Mills as Watson, and some fine supporting actors (including Anne Baxter, Ray Milland, and Gordon Baxter); it was issued on a VHS cassette, but apparently never on DVD, and it is nice indeed that Jennie Paton has found it available at YouTube <[www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFdSse40-Qk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFdSse40-Qk)>.

It's a thoroughly tenuous connection, unless there's really a connection between Sherlock Holmes and Nero Wolfe, but there's the pilot for a "Nero Wolfe" television series, made for CBS-TV 1959, that never was broadcast, reported by Lenny Picker <[www.youtube.com/watch?v=9\\_AoebAAig4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_AoebAAig4)>: "Count the Man Down" starred Kurt Kaznar as Nero and William Shatner as Archie, many years before Shatner played Stapleton in Stewart Granger's "The Hound of the Baskervilles" (1972).

"A Small Study of Ink Marks" is a new Sherlockian society founded by Monica Schmidt; their motto is "Have Sherlockian ink (tattoos)? Join us!" If you qualify, contact Monica at 1640 Deborah Drive NE, Solon, IA 52333, or <[sweeper887@gmail.com](mailto:sweeper887@gmail.com)>.

"Sherlock's Mystery" (reported by Jennie Paton at YouTube) is impressive <[www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWqlaaYuOXo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWqlaaYuOXo)>.

Dan Stashower's next book will be *American Demon: Eliot Ness and the Hunt for America's Jack the Ripper*, due from Minotaur in September; Dan assures his fellow Sherlockians that Sherlock Holmes is mentioned in the book, and you can read Lenny Picker's interview with Dan in Publishers Weekly (July 1) <[www.tinyurl.com/hvbwxxzus](http://www.tinyurl.com/hvbwxxzus)>.

*My Scientific Methods*, edited by Dana Richards (New York: Baker Street Irregulars, 2022; 244 pp., \$39.95), the next title in the BSI's Professions Series, explores "science in the Sherlockian Canon" and includes scholarship about most of the sciences that appear in the stories, and about Conan Doyle himself as a scientist, concluding with Ashley Polasek's essay "Techno-Rebel: A Case for Steampunk Holmes". The book can be ordered at <[www.bakerstreetirregulars.com/tag/books](http://www.bakerstreetirregulars.com/tag/books)>.

Harvey Dinnerstein died on June 21. He was a noted artist and educator, best known for his sketches of the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1956 and the trials that followed. He also provided illustrations for *Tales of Sherlock Holmes*, a collection published by Macmillan in 1963; you can see one of his illustrations for the book at <[www.weheartit.com/entry/316527741](http://www.weheartit.com/entry/316527741)>.

There have been many bush fires reported in Australia, including one near Sherlock Station in Western Australia. Sherlock Station has an entry at Wikipedia <[www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sherlock\\_Station](http://www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sherlock_Station)>, without information on who named it, and why. But there's a Sherlock River not far from the Station. The river was named on July 11, 1861 by the surveyor and explorer Frank Gregory while on expedition in the area (according to Wikipedia), too early to be Canonical; Gregory's report is available on-line <[www.gutenberg.org/files/10461/10461-h/10461-h.htm](http://www.gutenberg.org/files/10461/10461-h/10461-h.htm)>, but he says only that he named the river Sherlock and doesn't say why.

Jul 22 #4 The Smithsonian Magazine has reported that the oldest footage of New Orleans has been found (in Amsterdam), with a two-minute view of an 1898 Mardi Gras parade <[www.tinyurl.com/ys2j2caz](http://www.tinyurl.com/ys2j2caz)>. There's nothing known of what happened to "Samson of New Orleans" (mentioned in "A Study in Scarlet", but if he still was there in 1898, here's what he might have seen <[www.youtube.com/watch?v=65DpZ\\_0nByE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=65DpZ_0nByE)>.

If you've been using Google Images <[www.images.google.com](http://www.images.google.com)> to find images on the Internet, you might also consider TinEye <[www.tinyeye.com](http://www.tinyeye.com)>, noted by Brandon Daniel; TinEye is an archive of (as of June 2022) 54.3 billion images, and uses Application Programming Interfaces to help you with all sorts of things, including image verification.

And there's more about Sherlock in Western Australia: there's also a Sherlock Bay, named after the river, and the Sherlock Bay Project, which is a nickel-copper-cobalt deposit waiting for development as an open-pit mine <[www.miningdataonline.com/property/262/Sherlock-Bay-Project.aspx](http://www.miningdataonline.com/property/262/Sherlock-Bay-Project.aspx)>.

Bill Barnes notes that there also is a Sherlock in South Australia ("two or three buildings at most, situated on a highway." It apparently was officially named in 1907, with "no research so far on the relevance of the name" <[www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sherlock,\\_South\\_Australia](http://www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sherlock,_South_Australia)>.

Alexis Soloski's article "The Shape-Shifting Sherlock Holmes, Now Playing the Villain" in the N.Y. Times (July 6) <[www.tinyurl.com/ya6kmp55](http://www.tinyurl.com/ya6kmp55)> was inspired by the new 10-episode "Moriarty: The Devil's Game" (now available on Audible). Soloski quotes Leslie Klinger, Nicholas Meyer, Ashley Pola-sek, as well as Charles Kindinger, who wrote the audio drama. If you're blocked by the paper's pay-wall, the article was reprinted in the Indian Express (July 7) <[www.tinyurl.com/yz7yff7e](http://www.tinyurl.com/yz7yff7e)>.

Scripts for two of David MacGregor's comedies ("The Adventure of the Elusive Ear" and "The Adventure of the Fallen Soufflé") have been published by TRW Plays <[www.trwplays.com/david-macgregor](http://www.trwplays.com/david-macgregor)> (\$12.95 each for print and \$9.00 for digital). His third comedy ("Sherlock Holmes and the Ghost Machine") is due later this year, and he has fun with Holmes and Watson and Irene Adler (who has moved into 221B Baker Street and is pretending to be Mrs. Hudson for the sake of propriety).

Roger Angell died on May 20. He began contributing to The New Yorker in 1944, became its fiction editor in 1956, and had a legendary career over decades at the magazine, writing about baseball and anything else that interested him. His "Turtletaub and the Foul Distemper" (May 30, 1970) had many Sherlockian references (including an evil air pilot named Col. Sebastian Moran).

"I Always Feel Like Somebody's Watching Me: The World of Sherlock Holmes Statues" is the title of Howard Ostrom's newly-revised and expanded (and well-illustrated) essay about more than 50 statues of Sherlock Holmes; you can read (and download) the essay at <[www.tinyurl.com/2p8dc6vy](http://www.tinyurl.com/2p8dc6vy)>. And his essay on "Holmes Was a Dummy" (about Sherlock Holmes puppetry) is available at <[www.tinyurl.com/z7jj4az6](http://www.tinyurl.com/z7jj4az6)>.

Jul 22 #5 It was the geologist/astronaut Jack Schmidt who named Sherlock Crater on the Moon in recognition of Sherlock Holmes as a geologist, but the mission didn't include a visit to the crater. But there's now the Artemis Project, and plans to send astronauts to the Moon again in 2025, recently discussed in GEO ExPro <[www.tinyurl.com/mr2m3dee](http://www.tinyurl.com/mr2m3dee)>. One can only hope that at long last they'll be able to visit Sherlock Crater.

The copy of a later edition of *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*, signed and inscribed by Conan Doyle to Lady Sackville-West, at auction on July 6 with an estimate of €400-€500 (Jun 22 #6), sold for €4,423 (including the buyer's premium).

Reported: a new (and revised) edition of David Stuart Davies' *Bending the Willow: Jeremy Brett as Sherlock Holmes* due on Sept. 1 from TV Brain but available for pre-order now (£22.99) <[www.tvbrain.info/shop](http://www.tvbrain.info/shop)>; first published in 1996 (Mar 97 #2).

If you want a copy of the first printing of the splendid catalog for the "Sherlock Holmes in 221 Objects from the Collection of Glen S. Miranker" exhibition at the Grolier Club in New York, there may be few copies still available at the Mysterious Bookshop (\$60.00) <[www.tinyurl.com/bdfzrfpk](http://www.tinyurl.com/bdfzrfpk)>. The exhibition next will be at the Lilly Library in Bloomington, Ind., Aug 1-Dec. 15, and there will be a second printing available there (\$80.00). The exhibition's excellent web-site's at <[www.sherlockin221objects.org](http://www.sherlockin221objects.org)>.

"Albatross" (2011) is an interesting British coming-of-age film that stars Jessica Brown Findlay as Emilia, who introduces herself as a descendant of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and wants to be a writer; the film has quite a few Doylean (and some Sherlockian) touches.

"The Fires of Fate" (1923) is one of many lost silent films; it was dramatized from Conan Doyle's "The Tragedy of the Korosko" and released in the U.S. as "The Desert Sheik" (1924), and a colorful lithograph-on-linen poster for the film was sold at Heritage Auctions on July 15 for \$2,160 (including the buyer's premium) <[www.tinyurl.com/mtj6uf9j](http://www.tinyurl.com/mtj6uf9j)>. It's interesting to consider the title change: one might suspect that the distributor hoped that people would think they were going to see Rudolph Valentino in "The Sheik" (1921).

Scott Monty and Burt Wolder had a nice interview with Paul Eckrich and Rob Nunn, the editors of *The Finest Assorted Collection: Essays on Collecting Sherlock Holmes* (Jan 22 #2), discussing collectors and their collections, at the "I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere" blog <[www.tinyurl.com/bden49yp](http://www.tinyurl.com/bden49yp)>.

Late-breaking news: Rebecca Romney is helping Curtis Armstrong deaccession his Sherlockian collection: about 25 boxes of material collected over more than 40 years, with more than one thousand items. Her rare-book company, Type Punch Matrix, is creating a special mailing list for Sherlockians who would like to have first crack at the material; if you'd like to be on her mailing list, you can contact her at <[info@typepunchmatrix.com](mailto:info@typepunchmatrix.com)>.

Jul 22 #6 The manuscript of "The Greek Interpreter" (owned by the late David Karpeles) was sold at Heritage Auctions on July 16, for \$350,000 (including the buyer's premium), almost setting a new record for a manuscript of a Sherlock Holmes short story ("The Sussex Vampire" sold for \$399,500 in 2004). The new owner is Glen Miranker, who now owns more Sherlockian manuscripts than any living collector. Randall Stock's manuscripts web-site <[www.tinyurl.com/yc79d8j8](http://www.tinyurl.com/yc79d8j8)> has more information. Auction results are often interesting: a single page from "The Hound of the Baskervilles" sold for \$423,000 last year (Nov 21 #5).

Steve Doyle's Fortnightly Dispatch continues; his latest interview is with Robert Veld <[www.youtube.com/watch?v=8q2860rdYCU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8q2860rdYCU)>.

The August Derleth Society <[www.augustderleth.org](http://www.augustderleth.org)> was founded in the late 1970s and continues to celebrate the many-faceted literary career of the creator of Solar Pons. Membership costs \$25.00 a year and includes their quarterly newsletter Sage of Sac Prairie; the latest issue offers a nicely illustrated article by Derrick Belanger on "The Science Fiction of August Derleth" (some of which was Pontine). The society's postal address is Box 481, Sauk City, WI 53583, and their web-site's at <[www.augustderleth.org](http://www.augustderleth.org)>.

An oil-on-canvas painting by Sidney Paget of a "Highland River Landscape" was at auction this month <[www.tinyurl.com/543vbb3u](http://www.tinyurl.com/543vbb3u)>, estimated at £500-£700; bidding didn't reach the reserve, and the painting wasn't sold.

Theater news: Neill Hartley will perform his one-man show "Sherlock Holmes & the Speckled Band" at Pennypacker Mills in Schwencksville, Pa., on Aug. 20 <[www.montcopa.org/928/Pennypacker-Mills](http://www.montcopa.org/928/Pennypacker-Mills)>.

"Sherlock Holmes and the Mystery of Riverfall Way" has been scheduled by the Elite Arts Company at the Bullard Creek Auditorium in Midland, Mich., on Aug. 20 <[www.tinyurl.com/2vxxksxb](http://www.tinyurl.com/2vxxksxb)>.

Stephen Dietz's "Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure" will be performed at the Blue Moon Theatre in Woodstown, N.J., Sept. 16-25; their web-site's at <[www.thebluemoontheatre.com](http://www.thebluemoontheatre.com)>

K. C. Brown's "Sherlock's Veiled Secret" is due at the Bernie Legge Theatre in New Westminster, B.C., Oct. 6-22 <[www.vagabondplayers.ca](http://www.vagabondplayers.ca)>.

David MacGregor's "Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Ghost Machine" will be performed at the Toledo Repertoire Theatre, Oct. 21-39; web-site at <[www.toledorep.org](http://www.toledorep.org)>.

John Nicholson and Steven Canny's "The Hound of the Baskervilles" will be performed at the Carver Theatre in Stockport, Cheshire, Nov. 11-19; their web-site's at <[www.tinyurl.com/46pbywp2](http://www.tinyurl.com/46pbywp2)>.

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