

"Reichenbach Revisited" is the title of the next excursion of the Sherlock Holmes Society of London. The Society's eighth excursion to Switzerland is scheduled for Apr. 30-May 4, 2026, and you'll find details (including the full program) at <www.sherlock-holmes.org.uk/event/reichenbach-revisited>. Membership in the Society is required, but it's simple to join: just look for the "Join the Society" link at the right at the web-site.

The Deadline web-site reported (July 11) <www.tinyurl.com/mr3f9pne> that the second season of "Watson" (previously scheduled for this January next year) will instead start on CBS-TV on Oct 13.

An "extremely-rare German 'Landsknecht' dagger, late 16th century" was offered at Olympia Auctions in London on June 25 <www.tinyurl.com/mwpp322y> and sold for £20,000. It was described as being from the Conan Doyle Collection but actually was owned by Adrian Conan Doyle when he lived at the Château de Lucens in Switzerland and was proud of his large collection of arms and armor.

"Tom and Jerry Meet Sherlock Holmes" is a 50-minute animation released on DVD in 2010, with voices by Michael York (Sherlock Holmes), John Rhys-Davies (Dr Watson), and Malcolm McDowell (Professor Moriarty), and you can watch it (subtitled in Vietnamese) at <www.dailymotion.com/video/x8p5ov4>.

Thanks to Max Magee for providing a link to an interesting article about "Black Peter" <www.tinyurl.com/4e97uk55>. Bill Reusch (aka The Chemist) was the author of the article, presented at a meeting of the Greek Interpreters of East Lansing in 2011; he is a professor emeritus in the Dept. of Chemistry at Michigan State University <tinyurl.com/mr3sympu>.

Dorothy K. Stix ("Martha") died on May 30. She was the daughter-in-law, wife, and mother of Sherlockians, and happily put up with all of their enthusiasms. She was especially helpful to her husband Tom when he was Wiggins (head of the Baker Street Irregulars). There's much more about Dorothy in Sonia Fetherston's *"Wiggins": Tom Stix & His Baker Street Irregulars* (published earlier this year by the BSI Press). She was honored by the BSI as *The Woman* in 1971, and received her Investiture in 1997.

Scott Monty and Burt Wolder interviewed Jessie Amaolo (curator of the Arthur Conan Doyle Collection at the Toronto Public Library) for the "I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere" podcast <<https://tinyurl.com/4t6aa5pt>>, with discussion of the Collection's digital archives. They're a continuing project, and well worth exploring <www.tinyurl.com/mte36rmw>.

It's not Sherlockian, but a new PBS-TV series "Civics Made Easy" is well worth watching <www.pbs.org/show/civics-made-easy>. Older folks will recall being taught Civics in school, and learning how government works (or sometimes doesn't work). Civics is one of many subjects absent from the curriculum in schools today, and it is grand indeed that this series with twelve short episodes is available for a new generation. Recommended.

Jul 25 #2 "How home of Sherlock Holmes Is Centre of Cybercrime Mystery with Scam Packages Being Sent to Baker St. Address Every Day" was the headline on a story in the Sun on May 29. It seems that the Sherlock Holmes Museum is being targeted as a fake returns hub for junk product from Chinese and Indian web retailers. The story (with a video) may still be available at <www.tinyurl.com/52csfdd8>.

The spring issue of *The Magic Door* (published by the Friends of the Arthur Conan Doyle Collection at the Toronto Public Library) has James Machin's discussion of the new Edinburgh University Press edition of *The Stark Munro Letters* (which he edited), Jessie Amaolo's exploration of the history of the Arthur Conan Doyle Collection, and Hartley Nathan's report on the shared lives of Conan Doyle and Kipling. Copies of the newsletter can be requested from Cliff Goldfarb (Toronto Public Library, 789 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON M4W 2G8, Canada) <cgoldfarb@sympatico.ca>.

Time for another mention of Laurie R. King's new Mary Russell novel *Knave of Diamonds* (Mar 25 #2): she was interviewed by Scott Monty and Burt Wolfer for their "I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere" podcast, talking about her novel, the Russell series, and much more <www.tinyurl.com/2jdhwxvw>.

And there's more: BBC Radio 4 broadcast (in 2000) a dramatization of "The Beekeeper's Apprentice" (with Monica Dolan as Mary Russell and James Fox as Sherlock Holmes), and you can listen to all four 30-minute episodes at <www.youtube.com/watch?v=su933GXyDCM>.

The delightful exhibition of "Imaginary Books: Lost, Unfinished, and Fictive Works Found Only in Other Books" from the collection of Reid Byers at the Book Club of California in San Francisco closed this month, and Byers reports that it will be in storage at the Club Fortsas for a few months, and will open again on Jan 20 for four months at the Glickman Library at the University of Southern Maine in Portland. As noted earlier, there are three nice Sherlockian items in the exhibition: "The Giant Rat of Sumatra" in the June 1909 issue of *The Strand Magazine*, Sherlock Holmes' notes for his monograph "On the Polyphonic Motets of Lassus", and Aristotle's *Poetics II: On Comedy*.

The Grolier Club's spectacular web-page for the exhibition still is available on-line <www.tinyurl.com/54x76xcb>, and well worth exploring. Don't neglect the menu with live links at the left, which will allow you to see close-up views, with commentary, of many of the books that were on display at the Grolier. Reid Byers' remarks during the opening of the exhibition at the Book Club of California are on-line at <www.tinyurl.com/s4he9xef>.

In case you're wondering about the Club Fortsas, it's at 145 rue Lafayette in Paris, and its web-site <www.clubfortsaas.org> is well worth exploring.

Andrew Gulli's *The Strand Magazine* was launched in 1998, and it's now published quarterly. It's web-site at <www.strandmag.com> has many features, including as Mystery Center blog that's archived beginning in March 2013. There's a convenient search engine, offering access to articles, reviews, and much more, Sherlockian and non-Sherlockian.

Jul 25 #3 David Foster's *Baker Street: The Curious Case Files of Sherlock Holmes* (Milwaukee: Genius Book Publishing, 2025; 282 pp., \$55.00) is an excellent colorful and informed exploration of Sherlockian books, film, and television, offering reviews and commentary on the Canon, pastiches, homages, and parodies, and a special section by David Marcum on August Derleth's *Solar Pons*, all accompanied by full-color illustrations showing book covers, dust jackets, advertisements, production stills, lobby cards, and posters, in English and many other languages. The book is available from the publisher <www.geniusbookpublishing.com> discounted to \$33.00.

More film news from India: Jennie Paton has reported "Saralakkho Holmes" released this year, about a young Bengali private detective living in modern-day London, in an adaptation of "The Hound of the Baskervilles". You can watch a teaser at <www.imdb.com/video/vi1994770457/?ref=tt_vids_vi_1> in Bengali (with subtitles in English).

There are other Indian films that use "Sherlock" in the title but are not in any way Sherlockian; one of them is "Sherlock Shyam" (originally in Malayalam, but released this year dubbed into Hindi), and you can watch it at <www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRWRFPBUSi0>. This sort of thing is not at all new: in the early years of the 20th century it was quite common to see the word "Sherlock" in the title of any sort of detective film.

Intrada has celebrated the 40th anniversary of the "Young Sherlock Holmes" film with a newly remastered 3-CD set of Bruce Boughton's music (\$39.99) <www.tinyurl.com/yvzu7da2>. The web-page includes a link to a track list and a trailer.

Sherlock Hemlock is a favorite character on "Sesame Street", although he isn't seen as often as he used to be. The Muppet Wiki offers an excellent web-page for Sherlock Hemlock <www.tinyurl.com/5n6ufcwn>, and Jennie Paton has noted a segment from 1986 in which Elmo, wearing a deerstalker, joins an investigation <www.youtube.com/watch?v=2CnfDV5HV-g>.

The Red-Throated League of the Norwegian Explorers of Minnesota have been performing radio plays for years, at Sherlockian conferences in Minneapolis and in other venues, and video recordings of ten of their performances can be seen at their YouTube channel <www.tinyurl.com/2n6n4wh7>.

Arthur Conan Doyle, Sherlock Holmes, and Devon: A Complete Tour Guide and Companion, by Brian W. Pugh, Paul R. Spiring, and Sadru Bhanji (London, MX Publishing, 2010) (Sep 10 #5), has been reissued as an audiobook, read by J.T. McDaniel. An interesting guidebook, carefully researched, and it's about much more than Dartmoor, also discussing Arthur Conan Doyle, George Turnavine Budd, George Newnes, and Bertram Fletcher Robinson. The listing at Amazon offers a link to a sample from the reading.

The luxury hotel Landmark London (in Marylebone Road) is offering a Sherlock Holmes-inspired Investigator Package for families. It's "fun for all ages," according to a review at the Women's Health web-site (July 2); read all about it at <www.tinyurl.com/3c8d78f3>.

Jul 25 #4 The Marylebone Hotel's bar has a new cocktail recipe: "An homage to the most famous resident of Baker Street, 'Sherlock' is a modern highball inspired by the sharp intellect, theatrical flair, and Victorian back drop of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's legendary detective. Red-breast 12 brings depth and spice, paired with The King's Ginger, originally created for Edward VII, Holmes' real-life contemporary. Mezcal and Mu-yu Vetiver Gris add smoke and sandalwood complexity, a nod to Holmes' iconic pipe. Topped with a Pinot Noir air and served beneath a smoked cloche for a final flourish of mystery and theatre, 'Sherlock is an elegant, enigmatic serve, where tradition meets intrigue in every sip." The hotel's in Welbeck Street, not at that far from Marylebone Road and Baker Street <www.tinyurl.com/3m45yww4>.

The Deadline web-site reported (July 16) <www.tinyurl.com/885u8fsx> on a new Scottish-Canadian animation "The Rejects" (still in development); it features "Dr. John Watson, reimagined as a brilliant yet insecure, openly gay, ex-military doctor whose heart gets broken by Sherlock Holmes, prompting him to assemble a new team of overlooked legends including Friar Tuck and Tantor the Elephant to stop a threat even Holmes couldn't handle."

There will be a Sherlockian panel at Bouchercon in New Orleans, on Friday (Sept. 5): "Elementary! The Sherlock Effect" (moderated by Liese Sherwood-Fabre, with panelists Elizabeth Crowens, Kate Hohl, Kathleen Kaska, Leslie S. Klinger, and Nicholas Meyer). Bouchercon (the long-running and always-interesting annual conference for mystery fans) <www.bouchercon.com> will be in Calgary (Cross-Border Crimes) on Oct. 21-25, 2026; Washington, D.C. (Mystery Most Monumental) on Sept. 1-5, 2027; and Indianapolis on Aug. 30-Sept. 3, 2028.

David Killick died on July 4. He had a long career in supporting roles in British stage, screen, and television, and he was heard as Lord Colney in "The Judgement of Sherlock Holmes" (a four-episode audio-book released by Big Finish in 2014).

"Khitrovka: The Sign of Four" was a Russian film, released in 2023, and it was issued on Blu-ray (with English sub-titles and added features) as "In the Moscow Slums" earlier this year. It's now also available for purchase or rental (with English subtitles) on Amazon Prime Video. The film is inspired by the story, but without Holmes and Watson; there's more information (and a trailer) at <www.tinyurl.com/5bf748zs>.

The BBC News web-site posted an article (July 13) about a cricket match in 1887 <www.bbc.com/news/articles/cgmw4xl0nj1o> in which Conan Doyle played on one of the teams. The article is especially interesting for a link to an excerpt of a Radio Surrey broadcast of the match.

Singer/song-writer Billie Eilish was hailed by some as "the reigning queen of electropop" when she released her debut album "When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?" (2019), and one of the songs in the album was "You Should See Me in a Crown" (echoing Andrew Scott's performance as Moriarty in the "Sherlock" television series). The song also was released as a single in 2018, and you can watch her in performance at <www.tinyurl.com/36bya95c>.

Jul 25 #5 "Salon de Holmes" (a new South Korean one-hour television series) is about a young girl who reads detective stories instead of text-books in school, and dreams about becoming a detective. Of course she does, pursuing criminals in her apartment complex. It's not available (yet) with subtitles in English, but in the meantime you can read about it in articles at the ChosunBiz web-site (June 10) <www.tinyurl.com/meesm6zt> and (July 16) <www.tinyurl.com/4afx3ejv>.

Holmes and Watson are on the same team . . . with Jones . . . the team is the Denver Nuggets <[www. https://tinyurl.com/yv8jfv38](https://tinyurl.com/yv8jfv38)>.

What was Mark Gatiss' favorite episode in the "Sherlock" series? To find out, go to <www.tinyurl.com/yyaytu4c> to see what he had to say in an interview on "The Radio Times Writers' Room", reported by Radio Times (July 15). You can watch the interview at <www.tinyurl.com/ypyxahd5>.

There was a "Sherlock Holmes" electric locomotive used on the Metropolitan Line in London from the early 1920s until it was withdrawn from service in 1962, and a new one was put in service 2018 (Jun 18 #2). An ACE Trains O-gauge model of the original locomotive, produced in 2016, went to auction this month, with an estimate of £180-£240 <www.tinyurl.com/489j537c>. and it sold for £340.

Save the date: the Baker Street Irregulars have scheduled this year's BSI Trust on-line lecture for Sept. 20 at 2:00 pm EDT. The guest speaker will be Susan Dahlinger, on "Marry Him or Murder Him: William Gillette's Sherlock Holmes". Details will be announced soon.

If you missed past BSI Trust lectures (or if you want to see them again), they are now available on-line at <www.tinyurl.com/r747ycwt>, from the BSI Archives at the Lilly Library in Bloomington, Ind.

Mark Gatiss (who is fondly remembered by fans of "Sherlock") continues to find interesting things to do: his six-episode series "Bookish" has been acquired by PBS-TV <www.tinyurl.com/38wnxfe5>. You can watch an interview about the series at <www.youtube.com/watch?v=atOB9W2ELd4>, and the series is available at Daily Motion <www.dailymotion.com/video/x9nlsum>.

There's an interesting interview with Paul Bishop, editor of *52 Weeks--52 Sherlock Holmes Novels* (Jun 25 #7), who talks about himself, and how the book came together, with Scott Monty and Burt Wolder at their "I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere" podcast <www.tinyurl.com/286dmjzr>.

Once upon a time film and television commercials could be much longer than a minute or so. Jennie Paton has found "Sherlock Holmes and the Murder at Hillside House" at YouTube <www.tinyurl.com/2sksv34s>; it's an 18-minute British commercial for Panasonic video recorders, apparently made in the 1990s (we'd welcome information about who the actors were). It's not the longest Sherlockian advertising film; the 33-minute "The Case of Fantastical Passbook" was filmed for the Abbey National Building Society in 1979; alas, it's not available on the Internet.

Jul 25 #6 Nicholas Shakespeare's biography *Ian Fleming: The Complete Man* (Apr 24 #4) has been followed by Fleming's *Talk of the Devil* (New York: William Morrow, 2025; 304 pp., \$30.00) is a collection of interesting essays, short stories, articles, and letters, about travel and treasure, espionage, writing, and much more, all showing talent above and beyond his James Bond novels. You'll find nothing Doylean or Sherlockian in the book other than passing mentions in Adam Gopnik's Introduction, but you'll be able to see why Fleming called himself a writer rather than an author.

Save the date: The Torists International S.S. will hold their "It's Always 1895: An Exploration of the Life and Work of Vincent Starrett" conference in Chicago on Oct. 23-24, 2026. You can enroll on their mailing list by sending a message to <starret1895@gmail.com>.

Randall Stock continues to update his census of copies of the first edition of Vincent Starrett's classic pastiche *The Unique Hamlet*. Available on-line <www.bestofsherlock.com/unique-hamlet.htm>, the census is a grand example of how to easily edit and share research results with fellow collectors.

Sonia Fetherston continues to add to the collection of Sherlockian-themed greeting cards and postcards that she has donated to the Sherlock Holmes Collections at the University of Minnesota. There now are more than 1,250 cards in the collection, some of them as old as the late 1800s. The cards will eventually be digitized so that they can be seen on-line, but in the meantime you can search at <<https://umedia.lib.umn.edu>> to see their wide range of other digitized Sherlockiana.

The U.S. Postal Service has issued a set four stamps honoring SpongeBob SquarePants, created by Stephen Hillenburg for Nickelodeon in 1999; you can see them at <www.tinyurl.com/2ewx3nes>. Jennie Paton discovered a fan video that's marginally Sherlockian <www.youtube.com/watch?v=Niw-csFKx5U>.

Pat Murphy's *The Adventures of Mary Darling* (San Francisco: Tachyon, 2025; 315 pp., \$18.95) brings Holmes and Watson into J. M. Barrie's world; it's the story of what happens when the mother of Wendy, John, and Michael decides to rescue her children from Neverland, and (as the author promises at her web-site) <www.patmurphy.net> "Peter Pan and Sherlock Holmes don't stand a chance against Mary Darling." It's Mary's story (Holmes and Watson are among the many people she encounters, and it's all great fun.

Go to <www.vimeo.com/1099352409> to see Catherine Cooke's guided tour of Undershaw (Conan Doyle's former home, now the Stepping Stones School for children with special education needs). The video was made for the "Evening with Sherlock Holmes" (Apr 25 #4) that included a celebration of the completion of MX Publishing's "New Book of Sherlock Holmes Stories" series (52 volumes with more than 1,000 traditional stories) that was edited by David Marcum. The evening, and royalties on the series, have raised more than £100,000 for the school. The series still is available by subscription in cloth or paper binding <www.tinyurl.com/mtxkwt4p>.

Jul 25 #7 Barbara Holdbridge died on June 9. She was one of the founders of Caedmon Records in 1952. It was the first commercially-viable spoken-word record company, and their first recording featured Dylan Thomas reading his own poems, They went on to issue Basil Rathbone reading five Canonical stories, T. S. Eliot reading his "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats" and other poems, Pat Carroll reading Walter R. Brooks' "Freddy the Detective", and Nicol Williams (as Holmes) and George Rose (as Watson) in a dramatization of "The Hound of the Baskervilles".

The set of three Montblanc pens honoring Conan Doyle, offered at PBA Galleries on July 24 (Jun 25 #1) (estimated at \$1,500-\$2,500) sold for \$1375. Four different pens issued in 2021, priced from \$1,150 to \$4,600 (Jul 21 #6), and a video about the set's still on-line <www.tinyurl.com/46kzdjf4>.

A large Sherlockian collectible was available this month: one of the bombs used in the film "Sherlock Holmes: Game of Shadows" (2011); papier-mâché about three feet tall <www.tinyurl.com/bd73ekt6>, and it sold for £60.

This year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe (Aug. 1-15) will offer six Sherlockian performances <www.tinyurl.com/bdfnx7wt>: Nigel Miles-Thomas' one-man performance in "Sherlock Holmes: The Last Act", "Sherlock's Secret Challenge: An Outdoor Escape Game to Explore the City", the Ghostwriters' "Adventures of the Improvised Sherlock Holmes", Benjamin Cooper Sullivan's one-man show "The Cadaver Palaver", "A Highly Suspect Murder Mystery: The Death of the Great Detective", and "Baker Street Ladies".

Nicholas Meyer has embarked on a full-scale tour of the United States, to promote his new Sherlock Holmes novel *The Real Thing* (May 25 #1), and his schedule is readily available at <www.nicholas-meyer.com/events>. He has great stories to tell, about the new books and much more.

The Spectator World web-site (July 23) <www.tinyurl.com/yy44dm5> offered an interesting article by Gareth Rubin about his new novel *Holmes and Moriarty* (Sep 24 #5).

Academia <www.academia.edu> was founded in 2008, and invites everyone and anyone to upload academic papers to the web-site, which now has more than 55 million papers. It's easy to search for (and to download) papers that have [sherlock holmes] or [conan doyle] or anything else in the title or in the paper.

Jennie Paton has reported web-site promotion for "Sherlock Holmes: Night Stalker" (billed as the world's first AI game) <www.tinyurl.com/b485jb5t> to be released later this year (no price stated); you can watch a trailer at YouTube <www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zoc5pt--Q3g>.

Jack Anderson's *The Return of Moriarty* (New York: Crooked Lane, 2025; 342 pp., \$29.99) is an imaginative novel set in Switzerland and Bavaria in the summer of 1891, after the battle at the Reichenbach; Holmes is dead, and Moriarty has survived. There's lots of intrigue and many mysteries to be solved, with well-written characters, and a nice surprise at the end.

Jul 25 #8 A goodly number of Sherlockians were happy to attend the open house at Denny Dobry's home in Reading, Pa., on July 26, when visitors were able for the last time to visit his splendid recreation of the sitting-room (before it was packed up and sent to the Sherlock Holmes Collections in Minneapolis). If you've not visited Denny, Bob Stek had a nice article about the sitting-room at the "Reinventing Home" web-site in 2020 <www.reinventinghome.org/sherlocks-home>. Bob also has written about Sherlock and Mycroft's parentage <www.tinyurl.com/4c3e2xk5>.

Theatrics: Eric Coble's "Sherlock Holmes: The Baker Street Irregulars" is being performed at the Yorkshire Playhouse in York, Neb., through Aug. 3 <www.yorkshireplayhouse.com>.

Joanne Zahorsky-Reeves' new "Sherlock Holmes: The Woman in Black" is on at the West Valley Playhouse in Woodland Hills, Calif., through Aug. 3; web-site at <www.wvplayhuos.com>.

Deivan Steele's new "Sherlock Holmes and the Vanishing Hour" is running at the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival in Prescott, Ont., through Aug. 9 <www.tinyurl.com/yur3ubx7>.

Kate Hamill's "Ms. Holmes & Ms. Watson-Apt. 2B" can be seen at the Theater at Monmouth in Monmouth, Me., through Aug. 22 <www.theateratmonmouth.org>. It also will be performed at the Concord City Auditorium in Concord, N.H., Feb. 13-15 <www.communityplayersofconcord.org>.

Gary McCormick's new "Sherlock Holmes and the Map to Murder" is due at the Boone Tavern in Berea, Ky.; on Aug. 1 <www.boonetavernhotel.com>; and at the Shelby County Private Library on Aug. 16 <www.tinyurl.com/mtfeau9m>.

Ken Ludwig's "Moriarty" has been scheduled at the Hanesbrands Theatre in Winston-Salem, N.C., Sept. 5-14 <www.ltofws.org>.

Ken Ludwig's "Baskerville" is due at the Twin Cities Players Play-house in St Joseph, Mich, Oct. 17-Nov. 2 <www.twincitiesplayers.org>. Also at the 4th Street Theatre in Moberly, Mo., Nov. 7-23 <www.4thstreettheatre.org>.

Penny Saunders' new ballet "Sherlock" will be produced at the Peter Martin Wege Theatre in Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 24-26 <www.grballet.com>.

Ann Chlovechok's "Sherlock Holmes and the Problem of the Two-Faced Specter" is scheduled during the Sherlock Holmes Weekend in Cambridge, Ohio, Nov. 7-8 <www.tinyurl.com/z4vptsps>.

C. P. Stancich's "Sherlock Holmes and the Greek Chorus" will be performed at the Arapaho Center in Lafayette, Colo., Nov. 7-13 <www.tclstage.org>.

Mark Shanahan's "A Sherlock Carol" is scheduled at the Theatre Knoxville Downtown in Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 8-Dec. 14 <www.theatreknoxville.com>. It's also due at the Commonweal Theatre in Lanesboro, Minn., Nov. 8-Dec. 21 <www.commonwealtheatre.org>; and at the Williamston Theatre in Williamston, Mich., Nov. 13-Dec. 21 <www.williamstontheatre.org>.

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