



The Return of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XXX -- The Adventure of the Dancing Men

Since the publication of *A Study in Scarlet* in 1887, many Sherlockian “chronologists” have worked to place the 60 stories into order, based on the date in which the story occurred.

These chronologists have looked at a myriad of items in each of the stories, such as weather conditions mentioned during the story, events occurring at the same time, other stories from the Canon mentioned, and even “trifles” such as statements made in the story.

While there are over 30 or 40 such chronologies that have been developed, the list below provides a good representation of those efforts.

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a.	The Original Story by Arthur Conan Doyle	1898
b.	William Baring-Gould	Wednesday, July 27, 1898
c.	H.W. Bell	July, 1898
d.	Roger Butters	July, 1898
e.	Jay Finley Christ	Wednesday, July 27, 1898
f.	Jean-Pierre Crauser	Wednesday, July 27, 1898
g.	D. Martin Dakin	July, 1898
h.	Bill Dorn	Wednesday, July 27, 1898
i.	Henry Folsom	Thursday, July 28, 1898
j.	John Hall	July, 1898
k.	Craig Janasek	Wednesday, July 27, 1898
l.	Brad Keefauver	Monday, July 25, 1898
m.	Toshio Suzuki	Wednesday, July 27, 1898
n.	June Thomson	July, 1897
o.	Ernest Bloomfield Zeisler	Wednesday, July 27, 1898

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