

A STUDY GUIDE TO SHERLOCK HOLMES

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The Casebook of Sherlock
Holmes
Adventure LIX -- The
Adventure of the Veiled
Lodger

**THE VEILED LODGER
DATE OF THE ADVENTURE***

(Date when Ronder was killed)

***Note: The date can be determined only to within
the month and year***

CLUES:

1. Watson says, “ ... – it was late in 1896 – ...” (1095)
2. Mrs. Ronder says, “He (Leonardo) was drowned last month when bathing near Margate.” (1101)
3. September is the latest month when it is warm enough to bath around Margate.

CONCLUSIONS:

- A. 1 implies it was as late in 1896 as possible.
- B. 2 and 3 imply it was October or earlier.
- C. A and B imply it was October of 1896

Ronder was killed in October of 1896

*The story may contain other clues to the date of the adventure. However, use only the clues shown here. Your only goal should be to use logical reasoning to find a date based on the clues shown here.

THE VEILED LODGER VOCABULARY WORDS

- quarry (1095) – **rich or productive source**
deprecate (1095) – **express disapproval of**
cormorant (1095) – **a marine diving bird having dark
plumage, webbed feet, a slender hooked
bill, and a distensible pouch**
parish (1095) – **political subdivision of a British county corre-
sponding in boundaries to the area from which
a church originally drew its membership**
commonplace books (1096) – **books in which someone
methodically records things
especially to remembered or
referred to**
Buddha (1097) – **(563?- 483? B.C.) Indian mystic and founder of
Buddhism**
porcine (1097) – **resembling a pig**
begat (1097) – **produced**
deucedly (1098) – **extremely (in an unpleasant way)**
cowed (1098, 1101) – **frightened with a show of force**
in his cups (1098) – **drunk**
sideboard (1098) – **piece of dining room furniture having
drawers and shelves for linens and
tableware; a buffet**
Montrachet (1098) – **choice white Burgundy wine**
bestiality (1100) – **marked by depravity or brutality**
the sawdust (1100) – **the circus**
chalk-pit (1101) – **place where chalk is mined**
grisly (1102) – **gruesome**
prussic acid (1102) – **one of the strongest poisons known; a
colorless liquid with the odor of almonds**

THE VEILED LODGER SOME OPEN QUESTIONS

1. Holmes says, “Mrs. Merrilow does not object to tobacco, Watson, if you wish to indulge your filthy habits.” (1095) In view of Holmes own smoking habits and his earlier drug habit, what do you make of this comment to his friend?

Judging by the fact that Watson saw fit to include it in the story and said nothing in reply, it was some good natured ribbing that Holmes was giving to his friend, Watson.

2. Holmes says, “He (Ronder) was the rival of Wombwell, and of Sanger, ... “ (1097) Who were these two people?

They were the owners of Wombell’s Traveling Menagerie and the circus of ‘Lord’ George Sanger. These were two of the best known shows of the time.

THE VEILED LODGER SIMPLE QUIZ*

1. Ronder was killed by
 - a. Leonardo
 - b. a lion
 - c. Mrs. Ronder
 - d. none of the above

2. What did Mrs. Ronder cry out just after she was attacked?
 - a. coward
 - b. help
 - c. don't look at me
 - d. none of the above

3. What were Mr. & Mrs. Ronder doing just before Ronder was killed?
 - a. arguing
 - b. fighting
 - c. on their way to feed the lion
 - d. none of the above

* The Simple Quiz is designed to determine if the student has read the story. Anyone who has read the story through should have no trouble in completing this quiz. The Intermediate and Advanced Quizzes are more challenging.

THE VEILED LODGER INTERMEDIATE QUIZ[#]

1. What was the weapon that killed Ronder?
 - a. a lion's jaw
 - b. a steel bar which was frayed at the end
 - c. a club with five long steel nails
 - d. none of the above

2. The name of the woman who came to Holmes's rooms to consult him was
 - a. Mrs. Berkshire
 - b. Mrs. Merrilow
 - c. Mrs. Parvas
 - d. none of the above

3. Who got a glimpse of Mrs. Ronder's face while she was peeping out of an upper window?
 - a. the local constable
 - b. the milk man
 - c. a former friend of the Ronders
 - d. none of the above

4. Watson says, "... Ronder was a huge porcine person ...". What does 'porcine' mean?
 - a. morose
 - b. portly
 - c. pig-like
 - d. ugly

[#] The Intermediate Quiz is designed to test whether the student has read the story with reasonable attention to detail. The Simple Quiz is an easier test while the Advanced Quiz is much more challenging.

THE VEILED LODGER ADVANCED QUIZ[&]

1. What was the name of the lion?
 - a. King of the Magi
 - b. Samba
 - c. Sahara King
 - d. none of the above

2. Who was described as, “a thin, yellow-haired man”?
 - a. Jimmy Griggs, the clown
 - b. Edmunds of the Berkshire Constabulary
 - c. Mr. Merrilow
 - d. none of the above

3. What Mrs. Ronder’s first name?
 - a. Catherine
 - b. Eugenia
 - c. Sophia
 - d. none of the above

4. What angel is referred to in the story?
 - a. Gabriel
 - b. Michael
 - c. Raphael
 - d. none of the above

[&] The Advanced Quiz is designed for aficionados of the Canon. The questions are quite challenging. The Intermediate and Simple Quizzes are designed for the more casual reader of the stories.

ANSWERS TO QUIZZES FOR THE CASEBOOK

QUESTION	1	2	3	4
Illustrious Client				
Simple	c	a	b	xx
Intermediate	b	c	b	a
Advanced	c	a	b	c
Blanched Soldier				
Simple	a	a	b	xx
Intermediate	b	c	b	a
Advanced	b	a	b	c
Mazarin Stone				
Simple	c	a	c	xx
Intermediate	c	c	b	a
Advanced	a	b	b	c
Three Gables				
Simple	b	b	c	xx
Intermediate	b	b	c	b
Advanced	b	c	a	b
Sussex Vampire				
Simple	b	c	b	xx
Intermediate	b	b	c	c
Advanced	a	b	c	c
Three Garridebs				
Simple	a	a	b	xx
Intermediate	b	b	a	a
Advanced	b	a	a	c

QUESTION	1	2	3	4
Thor Bridge				
Simple	b	a	b	xx
Intermediate	a	a	c	c
Advanced	a	b	a	b
Creeping Man				
Simple	b	b	c	xx
Intermediate	c	a	c	b
Advanced	d	a	b	c
Lion's Mane				
Simple	b	c	b	xx
Intermediate	b	b	c	a
Advanced	c	a	a	a
Veiled Lodger				
Simple	a	a	c	xx
Intermediate	c	b	b	c
Advanced	c	b	b	a
Shoscombe Old Place				
Simple	c	a	c	xx
Intermediate	b	c	a	a
Advanced	b	a	a	a
Retired Colourman				
Simple	a	a	a	xx
Intermediate	a	c	b	b
Advanced	b	c	a	b