

# A Compendium of Canonical Characters



## The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes



## Canonical Characters



Howard Elcock,  
December, 1926

The Adventure of the Lion's Mane



## "The Adventure of the Lion's Mane" 01

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

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- 08 - Tom Bellamy



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HE pushed himself up on one arm and swung his coat from off his shoulder.

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## "The Adventure of the Lion's Mane" 02 (*The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes*)

- 09 - Ian Murdock
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- 12 - Holmes' Housekeeper
- 13 - William Bellamy
- 14 - Inspector Bardle
- 15 - Cyanea Capillata
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## The Adventure of the Lion's Mane

### "The Adventure of the Lion's Mane"

03

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

Living comfortably in retirement in Sussex, Holmes and Harold Stackhurst are walking near the cliffs when Ian McPherson staggers to them, uttering "the lion's mane" before dying.

Can Holmes determine what caused McPherson's (and his dog's) death, and whether it was a murder at the hands of one of the local residents, especially when Murdock is similarly attacked.



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### Filmography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
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### Radiography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
March 23, 1931	NBC	Richard Gordon	Leigh Lovell
August 08, 1936	Blue (NBC)	Louis Hector	Harry West
November 13, 1939	Blue (NBC)	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
January 25, 1942		Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
April 21, 1947	ABC	Tom Conway	Nigel Bruce
July 08, 1969	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
March 08, 1995	BBC	Clive Merrison	Michael Williams
March 29, 2009	Jim French	John Gilbert	John Patrick Lowrie



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Sherlock Holmes



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05

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*“At this period of my life the good Watson had passed almost beyond my ken. An occasional week-end visit was the most that I ever saw of him. Thus, I must act as my own chronicler.”*

*“My house is lonely. I, my old housekeeper, and my bees have the estate all to ourselves.”*

*“I could not look upon her perfect clear-cut face, with all the soft freshness of the downlands in her delicate colouring, without realizing that no young man would cross her path unscathed.”*

*“Maud Bellamy will always remain in my memory as a most complete and remarkable woman.”*

*(Stewart Granger, 1972, The Hound of the Baskervilles)*



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Fitzroy McPherson



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06

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

The science master at The Gables who was to marry Maud Bellamy. He died after being stung by a *Cyanea capillata*.

“He uttered two or three words with an eager air of warning. They were slurred and indistinct, but to my ear the last of them, which burst in a shriek from his lips, were “the Lion's Mane.”

“His back was covered with dark red lines as though he had been terribly flogged by a thin wire scourge.”



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Harold Stackhurst



## "The Adventure of the Lion's Mane" 07

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

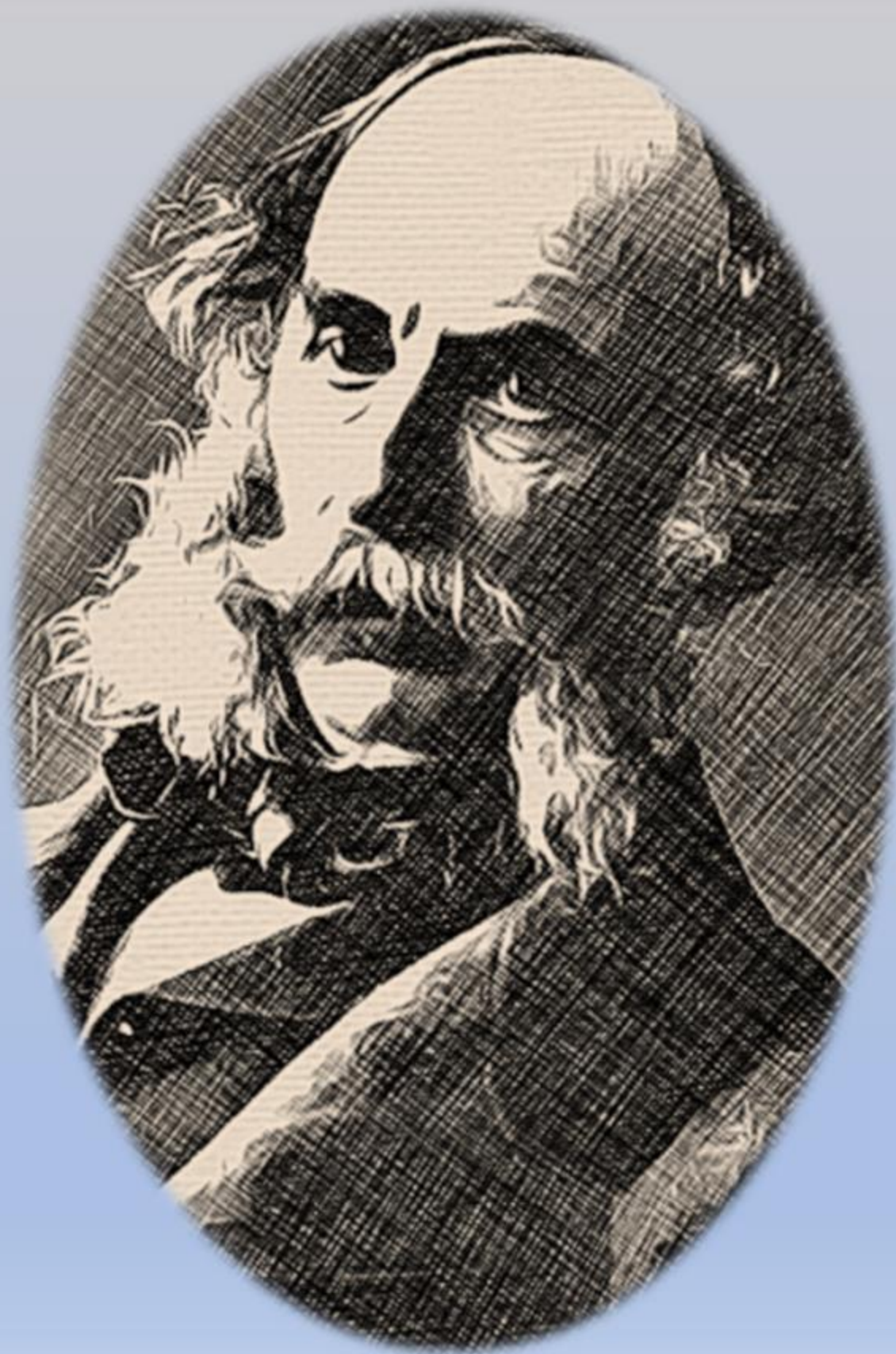
Proprietor of The Gables, a coaching establishment. He was "a well-known rowing Blue in his day, and an excellent all-round scholar."

He and Holmes were always friendly from the day Holmes came to the coast, and he was the one man who was on such terms that they could drop in on each other in the evenings without an invitation.

*"At your old tricks again. Yes, McPherson started early, and I expect I may find him there."*



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Tom Bellamy



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08

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

A middle-aged man with a flaming red beard, who resided at The Haven. Father of Maud and William Bellamy, he owned all the boats and bathing-cots at Fulworth.

*“Sir, the word 'marriage' was never mentioned, and yet there were letters and meetings, and a great deal more of which neither of us could approve.”*



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Ian Murdock



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*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

Mathematics coach at The  
Gables. Tall, dark, thin and  
aloof.

*“On one occasion, being  
plagued by a little dog belonging  
to McPherson, he had caught  
the creature up and hurled it  
through the plate-glass window.”*

*“I have lost to-day the only  
person who made the Gables  
habitable.”*



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Maud Bellamy



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*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

Daughter of Tom Bellamy and  
sister of William.

“She is the beauty of the  
neighbourhood—a real beauty  
who would draw attention  
everywhere.”

*“We were engaged to be married,  
and we only kept it secret because  
Fitzroy's uncle, who is very old  
and said to be dying, might have  
disinherited him if he had  
married against his wish.”*



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Constable Anderson



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The village constable, a big, ginger-moustached man of the slow, solid Sussex breed –which covers much good sense under a heavy, silent exterior.

“He listened to everything, took note of all we said, and finally drew me aside.”

“I'd be glad of your advice, Mr. Holmes. This is a big thing for me to handle, and I'll hear of it from Lewes if I go wrong.”

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Holmes Housekeeper



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*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

It was my old housekeeper who heard of it first by that strange wireless by which such people collect the news of the countryside.

*“Sad story this, sir, about Mr. McPherson's dog. Died of grief for its master. It took on terrible, and has eaten nothing for a week. Then to-day two of the young gentlemen from The Gables found it dead—down on the beach, sir, at the very place where its master met his end.”*



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William Bellamy



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*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

Son of Tom and brother of  
Maud Bellamy. A powerful  
young man, with a heavy,  
sullen face.

Runs the boat and bathing-cots  
business at Fulworth with his  
father.

*"There is no reason why my  
sister should be brought into  
the matter."*

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Inspector Bardle



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*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

Inspector of the Sussex  
Constabulary—a steady, solid,  
bovine man with thoughtful eyes.

*“This is quite unofficial, of course,  
and need go no farther. But I am  
fairly up against it in this McPherson  
case. The question is, shall I make  
an arrest, (of Ian Murdoch) or shall  
I not?”*

*“Well, you've done it!” he cried at  
last. “I had read of you, but I never  
believed it. It's wonderful.”*

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Cyanea Capillata



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*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

**"Cyanea! Behold the Lion's  
Mane!"**

The famous observer, J. G. Wood very nearly perished from contact with this vile creature. In *Out of Doors*, he wrote, "If the bather should see a loose roundish mass of tawny membranes and fibres, something like very large handfuls of lion's mane and silver paper, let him beware, for this is the fearful stinger, *Cyanea capillata*."

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July 27, 1909  
(Baring-Gould)

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Abbreviation:

LION