

Sherlock Holmes Canon Timeline / Chronology of Publishing

Publication Order

	ABBR	STORY TITLE	FIRST PUBLICATION	
1	STUD	A Study in Scarlet	Beeton's Christmas Annual, London: Ward, Lock & Co. 1887 London: Ward, Lock & Co. 1888 – First British Book Edition Philadelphia: J.B. Lippincott Company 1890 – First American Book Edition	
2	SIGN	The Sign of Four	Philadelphia: Lippincott's Monthly Magazine, February, 1890 London, Lippincott's Monthly Magazine (Ward, Lock & Co. February, 1890) London: Spencer Blackett 1890 – First British Book Edition Philadelphia: J.B. Lippincott Company 1893 – First American Book Edition	
Adventures of Sherlock Holmes			London: George Newnes, Limited 1892	NY: Harper & Brothers 1892
3	SCAN	A Scandal in Bohemia	The Strand Magazine, Jul 1891	The Strand Magazine, Aug 1891
4	REDH	The Red-Headed League	The Strand Magazine, Aug 1891	The Strand Magazine, Sep 1891
5	IDEN	A Case of Identity	The Strand Magazine, Sep 1891	The Strand Magazine, Oct 1891
6	BOSC	The Boscombe Valley Mystery	The Strand Magazine, Oct 1891	The Strand Magazine, Nov 1891
7	FIVE	The Adventure of the Five Orange Pips	The Strand Magazine, Nov 1891	The Strand Magazine, Dec 1891
8	TWIS	The Man with the Twisted Lip	The Strand Magazine, Dec 1891	The Strand Magazine, Jan 1892
9	BLUE	The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle	The Strand Magazine, Jan 1892	The Strand Magazine, Feb 1892
10	SPEC	The Adventure of the Speckled Band	The Strand Magazine, Feb 1892	The Strand Magazine, Mar 1892
11	ENGR	The Adventure of the Engineer's Thumb	The Strand Magazine, Mar 1892	The Strand Magazine, Apr 1892
12	NOBL	The Adventure of the Noble Bachelor	The Strand Magazine, Apr 1892	The Strand Magazine, May 1892
13	BERY	The Adventure of the Beryl Coronet	The Strand Magazine, May 1892	The Strand Magazine, Jun 1892
14	COPP	The Adventure of the Copper Beeches	The Strand Magazine, Jun 1892	The Strand Magazine, Jul 1892
The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes			London, George Newnes, Limited 1894	NY, Harper & Brothers 1894
15	SILV	The Adventure of Silver Blaze	The Strand Magazine, Dec 1892	Harper's Weekly, Feb 25, 1893
16	CARD	The Adventure of the Cardboard Box	The Strand Magazine, Jan 1893	Harper's Weekly, Jan 14, 1893
17	YELL	The Adventure of the Yellow Face	The Strand Magazine, Feb 1893	Harper's Weekly, Feb 11, 1893
18	STOC	The Adventure of the Stockbroker's Clerk	The Strand Magazine, Mar 1893	Harper's Weekly, Mar 11, 1893
19	GLOR	The Adventure of the Gloria Scott	The Strand Magazine, Apr 1893	Harper's Weekly, Apr 15, 1893
20	MUSG	The Adventure of the Musgrave Ritual	The Strand Magazine, May 1893	Harper's Weekly, May 13, 1893
21	REIG	The Adventure of the Reigate Squire	The Strand Magazine, Jun 1893	Harper's Weekly, Jun 17, 1893
22	CROO	The Adventure of the Crooked Man	The Strand Magazine, Jul 1893	Harper's Weekly, Jul 8, 1893
23	RESI	The Adventure of the Resident Patient	The Strand Magazine, Aug 1893	Harper's Weekly, Aug 12, 1893
24	GREE	The Adventure of the Greek Interpreter	The Strand Magazine, Sep 1893	Harper's Weekly, Sep 16, 1893
25	NAVA	The Adventure of the Naval Treaty	The Strand Magazine, Oct-Nov 1893	Harper's Weekly, Oct 14-21, 1893
26	FINA	The Final Problem	The Strand Magazine, Dec 1893	McClure's Magazine, Dec 1893
27	HOUN	The Hound of the Baskervilles: Another Adventure of Sherlock Holmes	The Strand Magazine, Aug 1901 – April, 1902 London: George Newnes, Limited 1902 New York: McClure, Phillips & Co. 1902	

The Return of Sherlock Holmes			London, George Newnes, Ltd 1905	NY, McClure, Phillips & Co. 1905
28	EMPT	The Adventure of the Empty House	The Strand Magazine, Oct 1903	Collier's Magazine, Sep 26, 1903
29	NORW	The Adventure of the Norwood Builder	The Strand Magazine, Nov, 1903	Collier's Magazine, Oct 31, 1903
30	DANC	The Adventure of the Dancing Men	The Strand Magazine, Dec 1903	Collier's Magazine, Dec 5, 1903
31	SOLI	The Adventure of the Solitary Cyclist	The Strand Magazine, Jan 1904	Collier's Magazine, Dec 26, 1903
32	PRIO	The Adventure of the Priory School	The Strand Magazine, Feb 1904	Collier's Magazine, Jan 30, 1904
33	BLAC	The Adventure of Black Peter	The Strand Magazine, Mar 1904	Collier's Magazine, Feb 27, 1904
34	CHAS	The Adventure of Charles Augustus Milverton	The Strand Magazine, Apr 1904	Collier's Magazine, Mar 26, 1904
35	SIXN	The Adventure of the Six Napoleons	The Strand Magazine, May 1904	Collier's Magazine, Apr 30, 1904
36	3STU	The Adventure of the Three Students	The Strand Magazine, Jun 1904	Collier's Magazine, Sep 24, 1904
37	GOLD	The Adventure of the Golden Pince-Nez	The Strand Magazine, Jul 1904	Collier's Magazine, Oct 29, 1904
38	MISS	The Adventure of the Missing Three-Quarter	The Strand Magazine, Aug 1904	Collier's Magazine, Nov 26, 1904
39	ABBE	The Adventure of the Abbey Grange	The Strand Magazine, Sep 1904	Collier's Magazine, Dec 31, 1904
40	SECO	The Adventure of the Second Stain	The Strand Magazine, Dec 1904	Collier's Magazine, Jan 28, 1905
His Last Bow			London: John Murray, 1917	NY: George H. Doran Co. 1917
41	WIST	The Adventure of Wisteria Lodge (The Singular Experience of Mr. John Scott Eccles & The Tiger of San Pedro)	The Strand Magazine, Sep & Oct 1908	Collier's Magazine, Aug 15, 1908
42	BRUC	The Adventure of the Bruce-Partington Plans	The Strand Magazine, Dec 1908	Collier's Magazine, Dec 12, 1908
43	DEVI	The Adventure of the Devil's Foot	The Strand Magazine, Dec 1910	The Strand Magazine, Jan-Feb 1911
44	REDC	The Adventure of the Red Circle	The Strand Magazine, Mar-Apr 1911	The Strand Magazine, Apr-May, 1911
45	LADY	Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax	The Strand Magazine, Dec 1911	American, Dec 1911
46	DYIN	The Adventure of the Dying Detective	The Strand Magazine, Dec 1913	Collier's Magazine, Nov 22, 1913
47	LAST	His Last Bow: The War Service of Sherlock Holmes	The Strand Magazine, Sep 1917	Collier's Magazine, Sep 22, 1917
48	VALL	The Valley of Fear	The Strand Magazine, Sep – Dec 1914 Associated Sunday Magazine, Sep 20 – Nov 22, 1914 London: Smith, Elder & Co. 1915 – First British Book Edition New York: George H. Doran company 1915 – First American Book Edition	
Casebook of Sherlock Holmes			London: John Murray 1927	New York: George H. Doran Co 1927
49	MAZA	The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone	The Strand Magazine, Oct 1921	Hearst's International, Nov 1921
50	THOR	The Problem of Thor Bridge	The Strand Magazine, Feb-Mar 1922	Hearst's International, Feb-Mar 1922
51	CREE	The Adventure of the Creeping Man	The Strand Magazine, Mar 1923	Hearst's International, Mar 1923
52	SUSS	The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire	The Strand Magazine, Jan 1924	Hearst's International, Jan 1924
53	3GAR	The Adventure of the Three Garridebs	The Strand Magazine, Jan 1925	Collier's Magazine, Oct 25, 1924
54	ILLU	The Adventure of the Illustrious Client	The Strand Magazine, Feb-Mar 1925	Collier's Magazine, Nov 8, 1924
55	3GAB	The Adventure of the Three Gables	The Strand Magazine, Oct 1926	Liberty Magazine, Sep 18, 1926
56	BLAN	The Adventure of the Blanched Soldier	The Strand Magazine, Nov 1926	Liberty Magazine, Oct 16, 1926
57	LION	The Adventure of the Lion's Mane	The Strand Magazine, Dec 1926	Liberty Magazine, Nov 27, 1926
58	RETI	The Adventure of the Retired Colourman	The Strand Magazine, Jan 1927	Liberty Magazine, Dec 18, 1926
59	VEIL	The Adventure of the Veiled Lodger	The Strand Magazine, Feb 1927	Liberty Magazine, Jan 22, 1927
60	SHOS	The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place	The Strand Magazine, Apr 1927	Liberty Magazine, Mar 5, 1927

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Chronological Order

	ABBR	STORY TITLE	INCIDENT TIME
Early Holmes (July – September, 1874 and October, 1879)			
1	GLOR	The Adventure of the Gloria Scott	Sun, Jul 12 – Tue, Aug 4 & Tue, Sep 22, 1874
2	MUSG	The Adventure of the Musgrave Ritual	Thu, Oct 2, 1879
Partnership to Dr. Watson's First Marriage (January, 1881 – November, 1886)			
3	STUD	A Study in Scarlet	Fri, Mar 4 – Mon, Mar 7, 1881
4	SPEC	The Adventure of the Speckled Band	Fri, Apr 6, 1883
5	RESI	The Adventure of the Resident Patient	Wed, Oct 6 – Thu, Oct 7, 1886
6	NOBL	The Adventure of the Noble Bachelor	Fri, Oct 8, 1886
7	SECO	The Adventure of the Second Stain	Tue, Oct 12 – Fri, Oct 15, 1886
From Dr. Watson's First Marriage to Death of First Mrs. Watson (November, 1886 – January, 1888)			
8	REIG	The Adventure of the Reigate Puzzle	Thu, Apr 14 – Tue, Apr 26, 1887
9	SCAN	A Scandal in Bohemia	Fri, May 20 – Sun, May 22, 1887
10	TWIS	The Adventure of the Man with the Twisted Lip	Sat, Jun 18 – Sun, Jun 19, 1887
11	FIVE	The Adventure of the Five Orange Pips	Thu, Sep 29 – Fri, Sep 30, 1887
12	IDEN	A Case of Identity	Tue, Oct 18 – Wed, Oct 19, 1887
13	REDH	The Red-Headed League	Sat, Oct 29 – Sun, Oct, 30, 1887
14	DYIN	The Adventure of the Dying Detective	Sat, Nov 19, 1887
15	BLUE	The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle	Tue, Dec 27, 1887
From Dr. Watson's Return to Baker Street to His Marriage to Mary Morstan (December, 1887 – May, 1889)			
16	VALL	The Valley of Fear	Sat, Jan 7 – Sun, Jan 8, 1888
17	YELL	The Adventure of the Yellow Face	Sat, Apr 7, 1888
18	GREE	The Adventure of the Greek Interpreter	Wed, Sep 12, 1888
19	SIGN	The Sign of Four	Tue, Sep 18 – Fri, Sep 21, 1888
20	HOUN	The Hound of the Baskervilles	Tue, Sep 25 – Sat, Oct 20, 1888
21	COPP	The Adventure of the Copper Beeches	Fri, Apr 5 – Sat, Apr 20, 1889
From Dr. Watson's Second Marriage to Disappearance of Sherlock Holmes (May, 1889 – May, 1891)			
22	BOSC	The Adventure of the Boscombe Valley Mystery	Sat, Jun 8 -- Sun, Jun 9, 1889
23	STOC	The Adventure of the Stockbroker's Clerk	Sat, Jun 15, 1889
24	NAVA	The Adventure of the Naval Treaty	Tue, Jul 30 – Thu, Aug 1, 1889
25	CARD	The Adventure of the Cardboard Box	Sat, Aug 31 – Mon, Sep 2, 1889
26	ENGR	The Adventure of the Engineer's Thumb	Sat, Sep 7 – Sun, Sep 8, 1889
27	CROO	The Adventure of the Crooked Man	Wed, Sep 11 – Thu, Sep 12, 1889
28	WIST	The Adventure of Wisteria Lodge	Mon, Mar 24 – Sat, Mar 29, 1890
29	SILV	The Adventure of Silver Blaze	Thu, Sep 25 and Tue, Sep 30, 1890
30	BERY	The Adventure of the Beryl Coronet	Fri, Dec 19 – Sat, Dec 20, 1890
31	FINA	The Final Problem	Fri, Apr 24 – Mon, May 4, 1891

From Holmes' Return to Dr. Watson's Third Marriage (April, 1894 – October, 1902)

32	EMPT	The Adventure of the Empty House	Thu, Apr 5, 1894
33	GOLD	The Adventure of the Golden Pince-Nez	Wed, Nov 14 – Thu, Nov 15, 1894
34	3STU	The Adventure of the Three Students	Fri, Apr 5 – Sat, Apr 6, 1895
35	SOLI	The Adventure of the Solitary Cyclist	Sat, Apr 13 – Sat, Apr 20, 1895
36	BLAC	The Adventure of Black Peter	Wed, Jul 3 – Fri, Jul 5, 1895
37	NORW	The Adventure of the Norwood Builder	Tue, Aug 20 – Wed, Aug 21, 1895
38	BRUC	The Adventure of the Bruce-Partington Plans	Thu, Nov 21 – Sat, Nov 23, 1895
39	VEIL	The Adventure of the Veiled Lodger	Oct, 1896 (one day)
40	SUSS	The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire	Thu, Nov 19 – Sat, Nov 21, 1896
41	MISS	The Adventure of the Missing Three-Quarter	Tue, Dec 8 – Thu, Dec 10, 1896
42	ABBE	The Adventure of the Abbey Grange	Sat, Jan 23, 1897
43	DEVI	The Adventure of the Devil's Foot	Tue, Mar 16 – Sat, Mar 20, 1897
44	DANC	The Adventure of the Dancing Men	Wed, Jul 27 – Wed, Aug 10 & Sat, Aug 13, 1898
45	RETI	The Adventure of the Retired Colourman	Thu, Jul 28 – Sat, Jul 30, 1898
46	CHAS	The Adventure of Charles Augustus Milverton	Thu, Jan 5 – Sat, Jan 14, 1899
47	SIXN	The Adventure of the Six Napoleons	Fri, Jun 8 – Sun, Jun 10, 1900
48	THOR	The Problem of Thor Bridge	Thu, Oct 4 – Fri, Oct 5, 1900
49	PRIO	The Adventure of the Priory School	Thu, May 16 – Sat, May 18, 1901
50	SHOS	The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place	Tue, May 6 – Wed, May 7, 1902
51	3GAR	The Adventure of the Three Garridebs	Thu, Jun 26 – Fri, Jun 27, 1902
52	LADY	The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax	Tue, Jul 1 – Fri, Jul 18, 1902
53	ILLU	The Adventure of the Illustrious Client	Wed, Sep 3 – Tue, Sep 16, 1902
54	REDC	The Adventure of the Red Circle	Wed, Sep 24 – Thu, Sep 25, 1902
Partnership Comes to a Close (January, 1903 – October, 1903)			
55	BLAN	The Adventure of the Blanched Soldier	Wed, Jan 7 – Mon, Jan 12, 1903
56	3GAB	The Adventure of the Three Gables	Tue, May 26 – Wed, May 27, 1903
57	MAZA	The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone	Summer, 1903 (one day)
58	CREE	The Adventure of the Creeping Man	Sun, Sep 6 – Mon, Sep 14 & Tue, Sep 22, 1903
Holmes in Retirement (1909)			
59	LION	The Adventure of the Lion's Mane	Tue, Jul 27 – Thu, Aug 3, 1909
60	LAST	His Last Bow	Sun, Aug 2, 1914