

# A Compendium of Canonical Characters



## The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes

## Canonical Characters



Frederic Dorr Steele,  
January, 1927

## The Adventure of the Veiled Lodger



## “The Adventure of the Veiled Lodger” 01

*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

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02

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08 - Eugenia Ronder

09 - Mrs. Merrilow

10 - Sahara King

11 - Mr. Rounder

12 - Mr. Edmunds

13 - Jimmy Griggs

14 - Data! Data! Data!

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## "The Adventure of the Veiled Lodger" 03

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Mrs. Merrilow visits Holmes and Watson to request the detective return to her lodgings to hear a statement from her veiled lodger.

While the mysterious boarder reveals her former life in the circus, and the circumstances of a vicious murder, can Holmes intervene in her future actions which may end her life?

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# "The Adventure of the Veiled Lodger" 04

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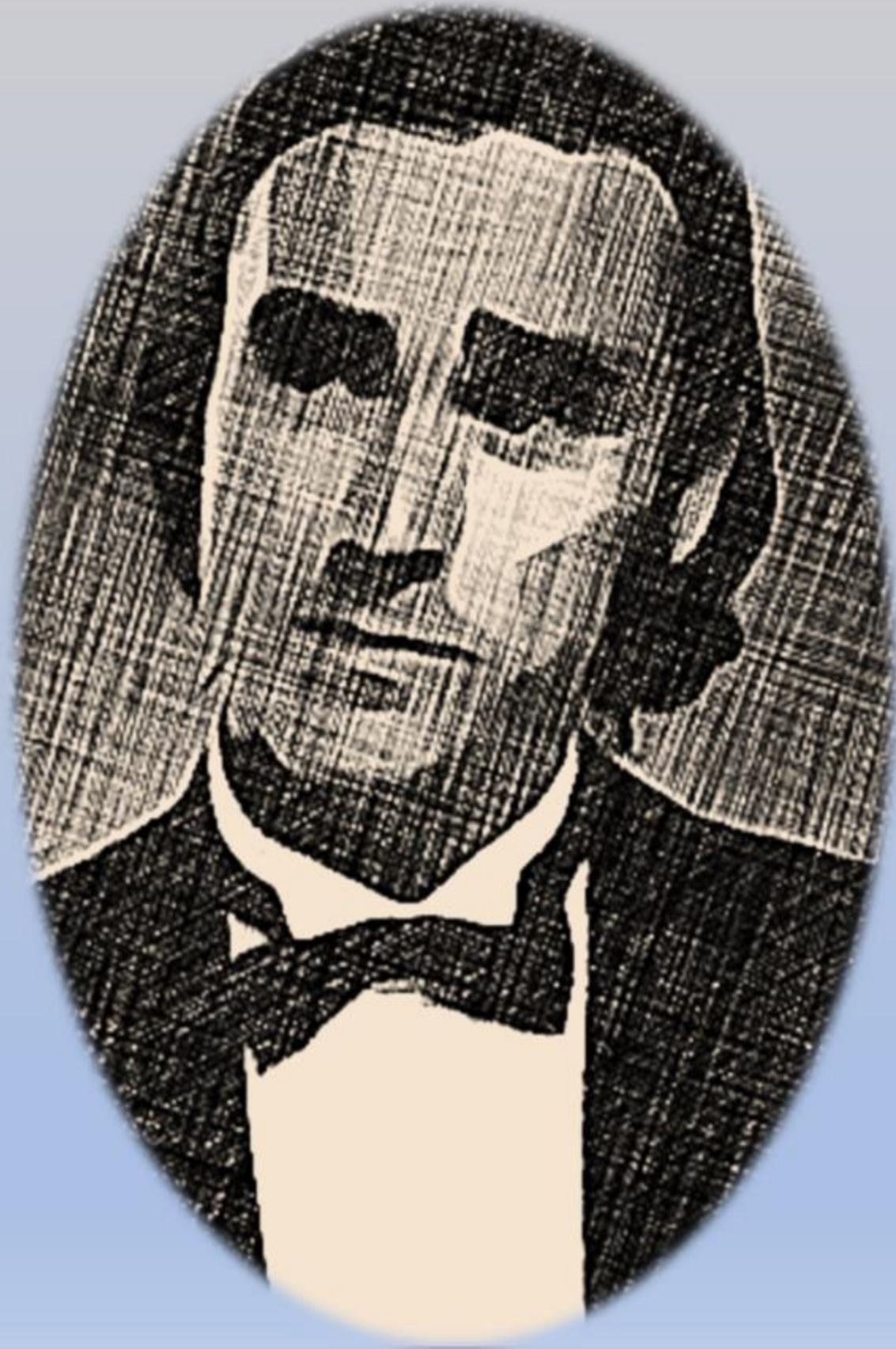
### Filmography

<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>
May 26, 1932	NBC	Richard Gordon	Leigh Lovell
March 31, 1935	Blue (NBC)	Louis Hector	Harry West
February 15, 1942	Blue (NBC)	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
June 20, 1948	Mutual	John Stanley	Alfred Shirley
March 15, 1995	BBC	Clive Merrison	Michael Williams
2004	Old Court	Jim Crozier	David Hawkes
August 27, 2006	Jim French	John Patrick Lowrie	Lawrence Albert

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Sherlock Holmes



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*"Why should [the lion] attack them savagely when it was in the habit of playing with them, and doing tricks with them inside the cage?"*

*"Your life is not your own. Keep your hands off of it."*

*"The example of patient suffering is in itself the most precious of all lessons to an impatient world."*

*(Ben Syder, 2010, Sherlock Holmes)*

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John Watson



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One forenoon—it was late in 1896—I received a hurried note from Holmes asking for my attendance.

“If they are repeated, I have Mr. Holmes’s authority for saying that the whole story concerning the politician, the lighthouse, and the trained cormorant will be given to the public. There is at least one reader who will understand.”

*“As to the other points, I think I could suggest a solution.”*

*(Gareth David-Lloyd, 2010, Sherlock Holmes)*

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Leonardo



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*(The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes)*

The Strong Man of Ronder’s Circus. Drowned near Margate.

“A professional acrobat, a man of magnificent physique.”

Fell in love with Eugenia and plotted murder of Mr. Ronder. Fashioned a club with a leaden head with five long steel nails spread out to appear like a lion’s claw and disappeared after killing Ronder.

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Eugenia Ronder



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The wife of Ronder, the lion tamer. She plotted with Leonardo to kill her husband. Her face was terribly mutilated after an attack by a lion.

*“When I saw myself in the mirror, I cursed that lion—oh, how I cursed him!—not because he had torn away my beauty but because he had not torn away my life.”*

*“I have not long to live, but I wish to die undisturbed.”*

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Mrs. Merrilow



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Mrs. Ronder's landlady in South Brixton for seven years. Came to ask Holmes to visit Mrs. Ronder at the request of Ronder.

*"When I saw her—I happened on her unawares—she covered up quick, and then she said, 'Now, Mrs. Merrilow, you know at last why it is that I never raise my veil.'"*

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Sahara King



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A North African lion who attacked and disfigured Eugenia Ronder.

“Some strange instinct had told the creature in one instant that a human being had been slain. As I slipped the bars it bounded out and was on me in an instant. At the same instant the teeth of the lion met in my face. Its hot, filthy breath had already poisoned me.”

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Mr. Ronder



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Lion tamer and owner of Ronder's Circus. Married Eugenia. "A huge bully of a man, he cursed and slashed at everyone who came in his way." Was found dead after an apparent attack by his lion, Sahara King.

"Ronder lay, with the back of his head crushed in and deep claw-marks across his scalp, some ten yards from the cage, which was open."

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Mr. Edmunds



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A county detective of the Berkshire Constabulary who investigated Mr. Ronder’s death.

*“Look at it from the lion's point of view. He takes half a dozen bounds forward, which brings him to Ronder. Ronder turns to fly—the claw-marks were on the back of his head—but the lion strikes him down. Then, ... he returns to the woman, who was close to the cage, and he knocks her over and chews her face up.”*

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Jimmy Griggs



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A clown in Ronder’s circus.

Worked with strong man Leonardo to keep the circus from going downhill and helped keep things together.

Helped direct the lion to return to its cage after it attacked Mrs. Ronder.

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## “The Adventure of the Veiled Lodger” 14

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n/a  
(Watson)  
October, 1896  
(Baring-Gould)

Ranking:

# 55 of 56 short stories  
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Abbreviation:

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