

THE RETURN OF SHERLOCK HOLMES



Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

SHERLOCK HOLMES: You would not call me a marrying man, Watson?

Dr. WATSON: No, indeed!

SHERLOCK HOLMES: You'll be interested to hear that I'm engaged.

Dr. WATSON: My dear fellow! I congrat --

SHERLOCK HOLMES: To Milverton's housemaid.

Dr. WATSON: Good heavens, Holmes!

Synopsis

After the public outcry – including that of the mother of Conan Doyle – against the death of Sherlock Holmes, the detective is “resuscitated”: “I owe you many apologies, my dear Watson, but it was all-important that it should be thought I was dead”. And, of course, we all forgive him as his presence serves as an antidote to tedium. Sure, the shadow of his supposed death hangs over *The Return of Sherlock Holmes*, but neither the characters nor the readers have time to think too much about it as new cases emerge. Cryptograms, more specialized studies, more astute adversaries, and women, those astonishing women – “Their most trivial action may mean volumes, or their most extraordinary conduct may depend upon a hairpin or a curling tongs” – form part of Holmes’ much demanded and satisfactory return.

Biography

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (Edinburgh, 1859) studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh. After undergoing a religious crisis and various family problems, he began writing while practicing medicine. It is at this point when he created the characters of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson, both eventually becoming literary legends.

In addition to the well known Sherlock Holmes stories, Conan Doyle wrote *The Lost World* (later made into a TV series and movie of the same name), *The Great Boer War*, as well as works of other genres. His autobiography, *Memories and Adventures*, marks the culmination of his literary work. Despite his success, he never received a literary award during his writing career.

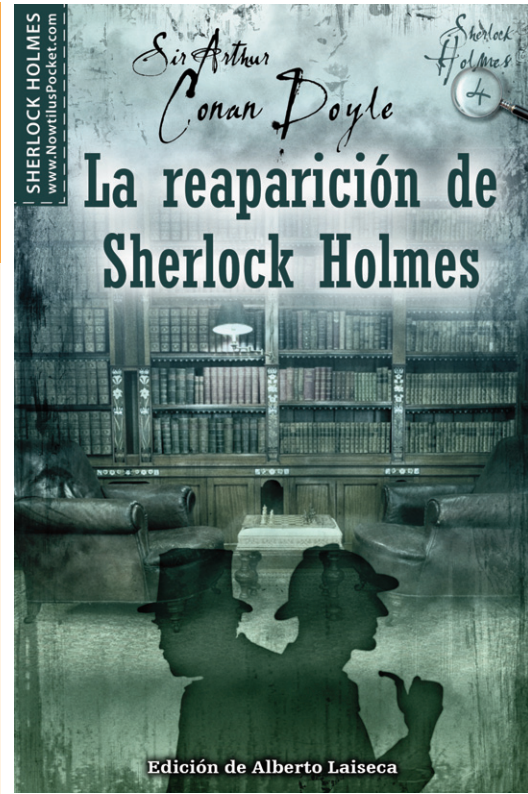
Sales pitch

CLASSIC DETECTIVE LITERATURE: The reader will not only be intrigued by the mysteries and diverse, colorful characters, but will learn how Holmes, with the assistance of Watson, uses deductive reasoning to solve a range of cases that are anything but routine.

STYLE: The descriptions and dialogues show Conan Doyle at his best.

PROLOGUES BY ALBERTO LAISECA: This time the complete works of Sherlock Holmes are presented with introductions by Alberto Laiseca.

CURRENT: In January of this year, a new Sherlock Holmes movie featuring Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law premiered.



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