

A Chronology of Holmes and Watson

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NOTE

All dates are somewhat speculative, especially since Conan Doyle contradicts himself even when he is giving explicit dates. I am indebted to William S. Baring-Gould who provided the major basis for this chronology, although I have made many modifications to his postulations: some things I have discarded, dates relocated, and made other changes, and additions. My debt is also to the countless others who have attempted creating a chronology, and have published their speculations on the Internet.

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Text conventions used in the Appendix:

Normal Canonical ‘facts’

Bold Published Conan Doyle stories

Bold Published Beckwith Stories

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{text} Other Conan Doyle stories that are canonical according to website www.arthur-conan-doyle.com

{text} Stories mentioned in Conan Doyle Stories

{text} Stories mentioned in Beckwith Stories

. Comments are prefixed by “. ”

‘Story’ and ‘Ref’ are a four alphanumeric code generally accepted for published canonical stories, or a similar code assigned to Beckwith stories. ‘Story’ is the story in which the ‘event’ is chronicled, and ‘Ref’ is usually the story in which the event or comment is referenced.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Story</u>	<u>Event / Comment</u>	<u>Ref</u>
1810		. <i>Siger Holmes born in Yorkshire</i>	
1812		. <i>James (Hamish) Andrew Watson born in Northumberland</i>	
1818		. <i>Rose Mary Innes (Watson's mother) born in Richmond, Yorkshire</i>	
1819		. <i>Violet Sherrington (Holmes's mother) born Pau, France</i>	
1834		. <i>(Col.) Jeremiah James Moriarty born</i>	
1836		. <i>(Prof.) Jephthah James Moriarty born</i>	
1840		. <i>Jedidiah James Moriarty born</i>	
1842		. <i>James Watson marries Rose Innes</i>	
1844 05 07		. <i>Siger Holmes marries Violet Sherrington</i>	
1845		. <i>Gerald Lestrade born</i>	
1846		. <i>Hamish Isambard (Watson's brother) born</i>	
1847 02 12		. <i>Mycroft Holmes born</i>	
1854 01 06		. <i>Sherlock Holmes born in Yorkshire</i>	
1854 07 07		. <i>John Hamish Watson born in Riding Mill Northumberland</i>	
1855 07		. <i>The Holmes family move to Bordeaux, then to Pau in the foothills of the Pyrenees.</i> . <i>Holmes is brought up bilingual in English and French</i>	
1858 05		. <i>The Holmes Family move to Montpellier on the Gulf of Lion</i>	
1859 05 22		. <i>Arthur Ignatius Conan Doyle born</i>	
1860 06		. <i>The Holmes Family return to England</i>	
1860 10		. <i>The Holmes Family move to Rotterdam</i>	
1860 12		. <i>The Holmes Family move to Cologne</i> . <i>Holmes learns German</i>	
1861		. <i>Gerald Lestrade joins the Police Force</i>	
1861		. <i>The Watson Family move to Melbourne, Australia and live in South Melbourne. John and Hamish attend Melbourne Grammar School.</i>	
1861 05 01		. <i>Mary Marston (Watson's future wife) is born</i>	
1861 06		. <i>The Holmes Family commence a Grand European Tour: Holmes adds Italian to his repertoire, he learns to play the violin 'Gypsy Style' (across the knees)</i>	
1864 09		. <i>The Holmes Family return to England.</i> . <i>Siger Holmes leases a villa in Kennington</i>	
1865		. <i>Death of James Watson. Rose and young John return to England, while Hamish remains in Australia.</i> . <i>They live with Rose's sister Marigold in Baughurst, Hampshire</i>	
1865 09		. <i>Watson attends Wellington College, Berkshire as a boarder</i>	
1866 - 1872		. <i>Marigold, Rose, and John move to Yateley, Watson continues at Wellington as a day-boy</i>	
1866		. <i>The Holmes Family move to their ancestral estate in Yorkshire. Holmes attends the local Grammar School</i>	

1868		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>The Holmes Family move to St. Malo, then back to Pau. Holmes is taught the art of fencing</i> 	
1871		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>The Holmes Family return to England to settle in Yorkshire</i> 	
1872 02 – 08		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Holmes is tutored by Moriarty to compensate for his erratic education: his father wishes him to go to University</i> 	
1872 09		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Watson commences studies at the University of London for an Arts degree</i> 	
1872 10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Holmes commences studies at Christ Church College Oxford for a Science degree in chemistry</i> 	
1873		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Mary Jane Reeth born (future second wife of Watson)</i> 	
1874 07 12	GLOR	<p>Gloria Scott</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Jul 12 to Aug 11 & Oct 1 . Events separated by 7 weeks. Holmes has rooms in London, paid for by his father 	
1875		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Holmes and Watson graduate, Holmes with a BSc, Watson with a BA</i> 	
1875 09		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Watson commences studies for an MBBS at the University of London Medical School, and works at St. Bartholomew's Hospital</i> 	
1875 10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Holmes commences studies for a PhD in Natural Science (Philosophy and Logic) at Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge.</i> . <i>Holmes joins the Dramatic Society</i> 	
1877 07		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Siger Holmes loses the family wealth on the stock market. Mycroft joins the Civil Service. Sherlock is forced to quit University. Siger and Violet move to Pau to live with Violet's relatives.</i> 	
1877 07		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Holmes takes cheap rooms in Monague St. Camden around the corner from the British Museum</i> 	MUSG
1877 07		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Watson's mother's sister Marigold dies aged 73</i> 	
1877 09		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Holmes acquires a part-time teaching position in Mathematics</i> 	
1877 11		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Holmes buys his Stradivarius for £2/15/- 	CARD
1878		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Holmes begins a private consulting practice</i> 	
1878 08		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Watson graduates as a Medical Doctor. He joins the army and then commences training at the Royal Victoria Military Hospital in Netley, Hampshire 	STUD
1878 12		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Watson graduates from Netley and proceeds to India, then on to Afghanistan where he is attached to the 5th Northumberland Fusiliers 	STUD
1879 08		<p><i>Mulineux Case</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Baring-Gould adds this ex-canonical case 	<u>AMER</u>
1879 09		<p><i>Reckless Goings-on at the Suicide Club</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Baring-Gould adds this ex-canonical case 	<u>AMER</u>
1879 10 02	MUSG	<p>Musgrave Ritual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Holmes states 'my 3rd case': it is his 2nd (or 4th according to Baring-Gould) 	
1879 10 13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Holmes acts as Horatio in Hamlet in London</i> 	<u>AMER</u>
1899 11		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Holmes travels to the U.S.A. with the Davenport Shakespeare Company.</i> . <i>He masters the art of disguise</i> 	<u>AMER</u>

1879 11 – 1880 08	AMER	<u>Sherlock Holmes in America</u>	
1880 01	AMER	<u>{Vanderbilt and the Yeggman}</u>	THOR
1880 03		. Watson is attached to the Berkshire's (66 th Foot)	STUD
1880 07 06	AMER	<u>{Dreadful Business of the Abernety Family}</u>	SIXN
1880 07 27		. Watson is wounded in the Battle of Maiwand	STUD
1880 08		. Watson recuperates in Afghanistan at Peshawar	STUD
1880 08		. <i>Holmes returns from the U.S.A.</i>	AMER
1880 08		. <i>Rose Mary Watson dies (mother).</i> Watson now has neither "kith nor kin in England"	STUD
1880 08 10		. Watson contracts Enteric Fever (typhoid). . After months of illness when he has recovered sufficiently, a medical board determines that he be sent back to England	STUD
1880 09 – 1881 02		<u>{Tarleston Murders}</u>	MUSG
1880 09 – 1881 02		<u>{Vamberry the Wine Merchant}</u>	MUSG
1880 09 – 1881 02		<u>{Old Russian Woman}</u>	MUSG
1880 09 – 1881 02		<u>{Singular Affair of the Aluminium Crutch}</u>	MUSG
1880 09 – 1881 02		<u>{Ricoletti of the Club Foot & his Abominable Wife}</u>	MUSG
1880 09 – 1881 02		<u>{Matilda Briggs & the Giant Rat of Sumatra}</u>	SUSS
1880 09 – 1881 02		<u>{Mrs Faringtosh & her Opal Tiara}</u>	SPEC
1880 12		. Watson arrives back in England at Portsmouth. . He is pensioned from the Army for 9 months at £0/11/6 per day. He moves to London and stays private (cheap) hotel in the Strand	STUD

1881 01 30		. Holmes and Watson meet	STUD
1881 01 31		. Watson moves into Baker Street	STUD
1881 02 01		. Holmes moves into Baker Street	STUD

1881 02 – 1881 03		<u>{Fashionably Dressed Young Girl}</u>	STUD
1881 02 – 1881 03		<u>{Slip-shod Elderly Woman}</u>	STUD
1881 02 – 1881 03		<u>{Grey-headed Seedy Visitor (Jew Pedlar)}</u>	STUD
1881 02 – 1881 03		<u>{Old White-Haired Gentleman}</u>	STUD
1881 02 – 1881 03		<u>{Railway Porter in his Velveteen Uniform}</u>	STUD
1881 02 – 1881 03		<u>{Forgery Case}</u>	STUD
1881 03 04-07	STUD	Study in Scarlet	
1881 04		<u>{Railway Murderer Mapleton}</u>	JACK
1881 05 03		. <i>Watson acquires a position as assistant doctor in York Terrace, Westminster</i>	PROF
1881 06 – 1883 04		<u>{Service for Lord Backwater}</u>	NOBL
1881 06 – 1883 04		<u>{Little Problem of the Grosvenor Square Furniture Van}</u>	NOBL
1881 07		. Watson's pension ceases	STUD
1882 03 07-11	FIND	<u>Finding of Geoffrey Hobson</u>	
1883 04 06	SPEC	<u>Speckled Band</u>	
1883 04 – 1886 10		<u>{Woman at Margate}</u>	SECO
1883 04 – 1886 10		<u>{Darlington Substitution Scandal}</u>	SCAN
1884		<u>{Simple Affair of Mr Fairdale Hobbs}</u>	REDC
1885 01 06	REDC	Red Circle	
1885 05 14	ARNS	<u>{Arnsworth Castle Business}</u>	STUD
1885		. <i>Holmes starts using drugs</i>	

1886 02 26	BERY	Beryl Coronet	
1886 10 02	RESI	Resident Patient	
1887 02		{ <u>Netherlands-Sumatra Co. & the Colossal Schemes of Baron Maupertuis</u> }	REIG
1887 04 14	REIG	Reigate Squires	
1887 04 22-28	DELI	<u>Delicate Mission</u>	
1887 05		{ <u>Two Cases in Which Holmes Helped Inspector MacDonald</u> }	VALL
1887 05		{ <u>Paradol Chamber</u> }	FIVE
1887 05		{ <u>Amateur Mendicant Society</u> }	FIVE
1887 06		{ <u>Loss of the British Barque Sophy Anderson</u> }	FIVE
1887 06 25-26	GRIC	<u>Grice Patersons in the Isle of Uffa</u>	FIVE
1887 07		{ <u>Bogus Laundry Affair</u> }	CARD
1887 07		{ <u>Death of Mrs Stewart of Lauder</u> }	EMPT
1887 07		{ <u>Camberwell Poisoning</u> }	FIVE
1887 07		{ <u>Bert Stevens: Terrible Murderer</u> }	FIVE
1887 08		{ <u>Saving of Col. Prendergast in the Tankerville Club Scandal</u> }	FIVE
1887 08		{ <u>3 Occasions in Which Holmes was Beaten by Men</u> }	FIVE
1887 08		{ <u>Missing Mr Etherage</u> }	IDEN
1887 09		{ <u>One or Two Little Skirmishes and Scores to Settle with Mr John Clay</u> }	REDH
1887 10 17		{ <u>Dundas Separation Case</u> }	IDEN
1887 10 25	SILV	Silver Blaze	
1887 11		{ <u>Rather Intricate Matter from Marseilles</u> }	IDEN
1888 01 07	VALL	Valley of Fear . Note the reference to Moriarty	
1888 01 21		. Hamish Isambard Watson dies in Melbourne, . Australia aged 41	SIGN
1888 04 07	YELL	Yellow Face	
1888 05		{ <u>Little Affair of the Vatican Cameos</u> }	HOUN
1888 05		{ <u>Little Domestic Complication of Mrs Cecil Forrester</u> }	SIGN
1888 05		<i>{Stolen Jewels of Lady Dyart}</i>	JACK
1888 06		<i>{Missing Gainsborough}</i>	JACK
1888 06		{ <u>Most Winning Woman Holmes Ever Met</u> }	SIGN
1888 06		{ <u>Bishopgate Jewel Case</u> }	SIGN
1888 07		{ <u>François Villard Will Case</u> }	SIGN
1888 07		{ <u>Little Case of Messenger Manager Wilson</u> }	HOUN
1888 07		{ <u>Atrocious Conduct of Col Upwood</u> }	HOUN
1888 08		{ <u>Unfortunate Mme Montpensier</u> }	HOUN
1888 08		{ <u>Blackmailing Case</u> }	HOUN
1888 08 25-27	CARD	Cardboard Box . incorrectly references SIGN	
1888 09 06	MANO	<u>Manor House Case</u>	GREE
1888 09 12	GREE	Greek Interpreter . quote: "I hear of Sherlock everywhere since . you became his chronicler" – Mycroft Holmes . contradicts ACD July 1891	
1888 09 18-21	SIGN	Sign of the Four . Watson meets his future wife Mary Marston	
1888 09 25	HOUN	Hound of the Baskervilles	
1888 10 24-28	ABBA	<u>Abbas Parva Tragedy</u>	VEIL
1888 11 09 – 12 01	JACK	<u>Jack the Ripper</u>	

1889 01 – 1889 06		{ <u>Trepoff Murder in Odessa</u> . Watson was not involved in this case	SCAN
1889 01 – 1889 06		{ <u>Singular Adventure of the Atkinson Brothers at Trinconalee</u> . Watson was not involved in this case	SCAN
1889 01 – 1889 06		{ <u>Delicate Affair of the Reigning Family of Holland</u> . Watson was not involved in this case	IDEN SCAN
1889 03 15-30	COPP	Copper Beeches	
1889 04 05	NOBL	Noble Bachelor	
1889 04 09-14	TIDE	{Tide Waiter}	NOBL
1889 04		{ <u>Fishmonger</u> }	NOBL
1889 05 01		. Watson marries Mary Marston. They move to . 151 Praed St, it is Mary's 27 th birthday	STOC
1889 05		. Watson buys a practice in Paddington	STOC
1889 06 07	SCAN	Scandal in Bohemia . Also referred to as " <i>Delicate Case of the King of Scandinavia</i> " & " <i>Services to the Royal Family of Scandinavia</i> ". . ACD date error, cannot be 20 Mar 1888, also . Mrs Hudson is "Mrs Turner"	
1889 06 18	TWIS	Twisted Lip	
1889 07 16	SECO	Second Stain	
1889 07 – 1889 12		{ <u>Tired Captain</u> }	NAVA
1889 07 – 1889 12		{ <u>Commonplace Little Murder</u> }	NAVA
1889 07 – 1889 12		{ <u>Locking Up of Col Carruthers</u> }	WIST
1889 07 – 1889 12		{ <u>Col Warburton's Madness</u> }	ENGR
1889 07 – 1889 12		{ <u>Capture of Archie Stamford the Forger</u> }	SOLI
1889 07 – 1889 12		{ <u>Merridew of the Abominable Memory</u> }	EMPT
1889 07 – 1889 12		{ <u>Matter of Supreme Importance to the French Government</u> }	FINA
1889 07 27	STOC	Stockbroker's Clerk	
1889 07 29	NAVA	Naval Treaty	
1889 09 03	BOSC	Boscombe Valley	
1889 09 07	ENGR	Engineer's Thumb	
1889 09 11	CROO	Crooked Man	
1889 10 – 1890 03		{ <u>Tracking & Arrest of Huret the Boulevard Assassin</u> . Holmes presumably is in Paris	WIST
1889 10 – 1890 03		{ <u>Morgan the Poisoner</u> }	EMPT
1890 03 24	WIST	Wisteria Lodge . misdated by ACD	
1890 04 16	IDEN	Case of Identity	
1890 05 09	VAUL	Bank Vault – I <i>The Robbery</i>	
1890 05 21	VAUL	Bank Vault – II <i>The Party</i>	
1890 06 10	HAUN	Haunted Stable	
1890 08		{Case of Matthews}	EMPT
1890 09 29	FIVE	5 Orange Pips	
1890 10		{ <u>Fate of Victor Savage</u> }	DYIN
1890 10 9	REDH	Red Headed League . 27 Apr 1890 should read 9 Aug 1890	
1890 11 15	DYIN	Dying Detective	
1890 11		. Watson moves to 18 Devonshire Place, . Westminster	SSSS
1890 12 27	BLUE	Blue Carbuncle	
1891 01 – 1891 03		{ <u>Napoleon of Crime</u> }	FINA

1891 01 12	CHAS	Charles Augustus Milverton	
1891 01 – 1891 04		. Holmes in Nîmes & Narbonne	FINA
1891 03 20	SSSS	Scotched, Soused, & Strung Soctsmen	
1891 04 06		. <i>Holmes purchases 221B Baker Street</i>	
1891 04 14 – 1891 05 04	FINA	Final Problem . Holmes appears to die	
1891 07		. <i>Watson has the Jezail bullet removed from his leg</i>	PROF CUMB
1891 07		. Conan Doyle's first Holmes story appears in the Strand Magazine	
1892 02		. The Watsons move to Brunswick Gardens, Kensington	CART
1892 09 08	CART	Cartomancer – I <i>Watson writes part 1</i>	
1892 11		. Holmes is in Tibet	EMPT
1893 02		. Watson writes "The Final Problem"	FINA
1893 03		. <i>Mary Watson dies in childbirth together with son John</i>	
1893 04		<u>{Missing Prayer Wheel}</u>	BERT
1893 05		<u>{Broken Bell}</u>	BERT
1893 09		. Holmes is in Persia	EMPT
1893 11		. Holmes is in Mecca	EMPT
1893 11 – 1894 03		. Holmes is in Montpellier	EMPT
1894 03		. Holmes returns to England	EMPT
1894 05	EMPT	Empty House	
1894 05		<u>{Repulsive Story of the Red Leech}</u>	GOLD
1894 05		<u>{Forged Cheque of the Credit Lyonnais}</u>	MAZA
1894 05		<u>{Old Baron Dowson}</u>	MAZA
1894 06 01	MAZA	Mazarin Stone	
1894 06		<u>{Terrible Death of Crosby the Banker}</u>	GOLD
1894 07		. Watson returns to 221B Baker Street after selling his practice to Verner	NORW
1894 07		<u>{Papers of Ex-President Murillo}</u>	NORW
1894 07		<u>{Shocking Affair of the Dutch Steamship Friesland}</u>	NORW
1894 07 23	PROF	Murdered Professor	
1894 08 20	NORW	Norwood Builder	
1894 08	CART	Cartomancer – II . <i>Watson reads part 1 and writes part 2</i>	
1894 09 – 1894 11		<u>{Addleton Tragedy & the Singular Contents of its British Barrow}</u>	GOLD
1894 09 – 1894 11		<u>{Famous Smith-Mortimer Succession Case}</u>	GOLD
1894 11 15	GOLD	<u>Golden Pince Nez</u>	
1894 11		. Holmes receives the 'Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur'	GOLD
1895 01 1895 04		<u>{Peculiar Persecution of John Harden}</u>	SOLI
1895 03 29 – 04 02	LOST	The Lost Symphony	
1895 04 13	SOLI	Solitary Cyclist	
1895 04		<u>{Sudden Death of Cardinal Tosca}</u>	BLAC
1895 05		<u>{Striking Results of Some Laborious Studies into Early English Charters}</u>	3STU
1895 05 06	3STU	Three Students	
1895 06		<u>{Arrest of Wilson Notorious Canary Trainer}</u>	BLAC
1895 06		<u>{Tragedy of Woodman's Lee}</u>	BLAC
1895 06		<u>{Summons to Norway}</u>	BLAC

1895 07 03	BLAC	Black Peter	
1895 07 – 1895 11		{Victor Lych – Forger}	SUSS
1895 07 – 1895 11		{Remarkable Case of the Venomous Lizard}	SUSS
1895 07 – 1895 11		{Case Vigor Hammersmith Wonder}	SUSS
1895 07 – 1895 11		{Case of Vittoria Circus Belle}	SUSS
1895 07 – 1895 11		{Taking of Brooks & Woodhouse}	BRUC
1895 07 – 1895 11		{Case of Arthur H Staunton Rising Young Forger}	MISS
1895 07 – 1895 11		{Case of Henry Staunton Whom Holmes Helped to Hang}	MISS
1895 11 21	BRUC	Bruce-Partington Plans	
1896 03 30 – 1896 04 17	SOLU	The Final Solution – being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <u>The Furneaux Kidnapping</u> . <u>The Godfrey Paintings</u> . <u>The Mansion House Problem</u> 	
1896 06	WATS	{How Watson Learned the Trick}	
1896 06	BAZA	{The Field Bazaar}	
1896 07 14	CRAC	Amateur Cracksman	
1896 08 4-8	CUMB	Sherlock Holmes in Cumbria – being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <u>The Fell Murders</u> . <u>The Luck of Eden</u> 	AILS
1896 11 11-12		<u>{Onslow Blackmail Case}</u>	BRIG
1896 11 12-14	BRIG	Trip to Brighton	
1896 11 19	SUSS	Sussex Vampire	
1896 12		{7 Cases Holmes Helped Inspector Stanley Hopkins}	ABBE
1897 01		{Dramatic Introduction to Dr Moore Agar}	DEVI
1897 01 23	ABBE	Abbey Grange	
1897 03 16	DEVI	Devil's Foot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Holmes is in ill-health 	
1897 05		. <i>Siger Holmes dies (father)</i>	
1897 06 18		The Fenians	
1897 12 08	MISS	Missing Three Quarter	
1898 07		{Two Coptic Patriarchs}	RETI
1898 07 25	DANC	Dancing Men	
1898 08 20	RETI	Retired Colourman	
1899 05 20		{Disappearance of the Black Pearl of the Borgias}	SIXN
1899 06		. <i>A telephone is installed in 221B Baker Street</i>	
1899 10 17-20	AILS	Mystery of Ailsa Craig	
1900 03		{Conk-Singleton Forgery Case}	SIXN
1900 04		{Ferrer's Documents}	PRIO
1900 06 25	COLO	Colonial Conspiracy	
1900 06 – 1900 10		{Remarkable Affair of the cutter Alicia}	THOR
1900 06 – 1900 10		{Disappearance of James Philmore}	THOR
1900 06 – 1900 10		{Isadora Persano the Well Known Journalist & Duelist}	THOR
1900 10 04	THOR	Thor Bridge	
1901 05		{Abergavenny Murder}	PRIO
1901 05 16	PRIO	Priory School	
1901 06		. <i>Watson meets Elizabeth Jane Reeth, his future second wife</i>	
1901 08 09	BERT	Bertie – I, Devonshire 1	
1901 09 09	BERT	Bertie – II, Devonshire 2	

1901 12 09	BERT	Bertie – III, Blamire visits	
1901 12 11	BERT	Bertie – IV, Holmes investigates & reports	
1902 03		{Case of the Coiner}	SHOS
1902 06 04	SIXN	6 Napoleons	
1902 06 10	BERT	Bertie – V, the Cards Incident	
1902 06 23	BERT	Bertie – VI, the Poisoning	
1902 06 26	3GAR	3 Garridebs	
1902 07		{Mortal Terror of Old Abrahams}	LADY
1902 07 01-18	LADY	Lady Frances Fairfax	
1902 07 08		. Watson moves to Queen Anne Street	ILLU
1902 07 28	BERT	Bertie – VII, the conclusion . Holmes rejects a knighthood, Watson . rejects an MBE	
1902 08		{Hammersmith Will Case}	ILLU
1902 09 03	ILLU	Illustrious Client	
1902 09		{Adventure of the Politician}	VEIL
1902 09		{Lighthouse & the Trained Cormorant}	VEIL
1902 09 22	VEIL	Veiled Lodger . ACD date error & chronology error	
1902 10 03		. Watson marries Elizabeth Reeth	
1902 12		{Professional Service for Sir James Saunders Great Dermatologist}	BLAN
1902 12		{Return of James Wilder}	BLAN
1902 12		{Trifling Affair of Mortimer Maberly}	3GAB
1903 01		{Commission of the Sultan of Turkey}	BLAN
1903 01		{Killing of Young Perkins}	3GAB
1903 01 21	BLAN	Blanched Soldier	
1903 05 03	3GAB	3 Gables	
1903 06 08	SHOS	Shoscombe Old Place	
1903 09 06	CREE	Creeping Man	
1903 10		. Inspector Lestrade retires	
1903 12 01		. Watson's son James Arthur is born	
1903 12		. Holmes 'retires to keep bees' he is 50 (49)	LION
1903 12 – 1904 03		. Holmes joins the Secret Service (MO3). He moves to Cuckmere Haven taking Mrs. Hudson as housekeeper	
1903 12 25 – 1904 03	ASSA	Assassination Plot	
1904		. Violet Holmes dies (mother)	
1904 03 – 1914 06		{Saving of Count von un zu Grafenstein}	LAST
1905 10 17-19	ADMI	Admiralty Safe	
1906 12 04		. Watson's daughter Victoria Mary is born	
1907 07 30	LION	Lion's Mane	
1909		. MO3 becomes MI5 & MI6	
1910		. Mycroft Holmes retires	
1912		{Mr Altamont of Chicago}	LAST
1914 08 02	LAST	His Last Bow	

1920		. Mycroft Holmes dies, aged 74 Sherlock Holmes retires from MI5, aged 66	
1921		. Watson retires aged 67	
1926 04		. Watson and son James visit Holmes in Cuckmere Haven, the tales of Holmes in U.S.A. are told	AMER

1927 06 15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Watson and son James visit Holmes in Cuckmere Haven, the tale of Holmes and the Admiralty Safe is told</i> 	<u>ADMI</u>
1929 03 01		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Allan Sherlock Watson (grandson) is born</i> 	
1930 07 07		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Arthur Ignatius Conan Doyle dies 	
1934		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Sherlock Holmes dies, aged 79</i> 	
1939		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>John Hamish Watson dies, aged 85</i> 	
1954 04 16		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>John Benjamin Watson (great-grandson) is born</i> 	
1977 04 22		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>James Innes Watson (great-great-grandson) is born (releaser of the "lost manuscripts" for publication)</i> 	
1990 11 25		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Watson's great-great-great-grandson Alexander Sherlock Watson is born</i> 	
2011		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <i>Chronicles of Sherlock Holmes I is published</i> 	