



The Medical Bulletin

The Official Newsletter of

Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients

a Scion Society of **The Baker Street Irregulars**

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Upcoming Events:

January Outpatients' Meeting

The next meeting of the **Outpatients** discussion group will be **Sunday, January 5 at 12:30 pm at Pints Pub**, 221 W. 13th Avenue, Denver. There will be a discussion of *The Adventure of the Six Napoleon's* followed by a quiz. Attendees pay for their own lunch. Please contact Larry Feldman at larry7639@aol.com or 303-333-3859.

Annual Birthday Dinner

We will be holding our annual Sherlock Holmes Birthday Dinner on Sunday **January 26, 2014** at **Stonebrook Manor** in Thornton. The location is about a 15-20 minute drive north from downtown Denver on I-25, right near exit 223. It is a beautiful building (handicap accessible) with plenty of parking and their food is delicious. They also have a very good audio visual system which gives us a lot of flexibility for programs. Below is a picture from the January 2013 dinner.



We will be having all the usual toasts, the Doctor's Oath, the Brick Award Trivia Quiz and a program (or two) about Sherlock Holmes. There will be a silent auction which will include a number of

Sherlock Holmes related books, some DVDs and a Murder Mystery Party kit.

As a special bonus, everyone who signs up for the dinner and pays their DWNP 2014 dues will be placed on a list to receive a **FREE** signed copy of Part II of *The Consulting Detective Trilogy* when it is published next year.

You will receive a separate invitation to the dinner shortly.

Past Events:

This year Larry Feldman continued his monthly **Outpatient** discussion groups at Pint's Pub and organized a trip to see the *Sherlock Holmes and the White Chapel Murders* play at the Byers-Evans House. Stan Moskal and Sally Kurtzman hosted the **Spring Tea** at the **Denver Woman's Press Club** again, and Bill Dorn organized a joint dinner meeting between the **Neglected Patients** and Peter Blau's **Practical But Limited Geologists** Sherlock Holmes group in October.

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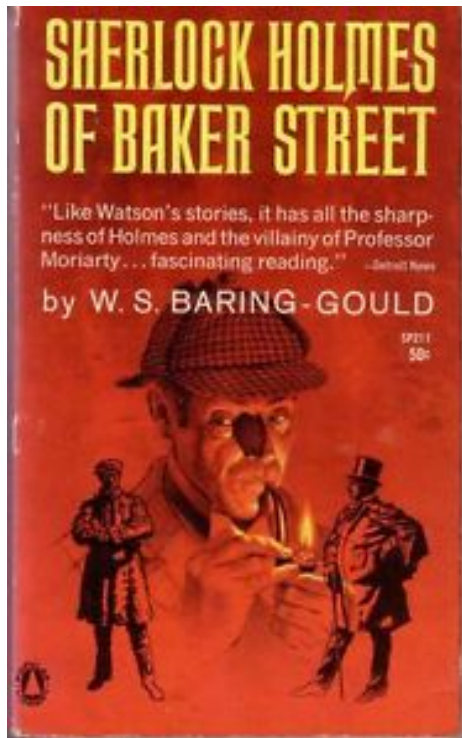
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A Love Story

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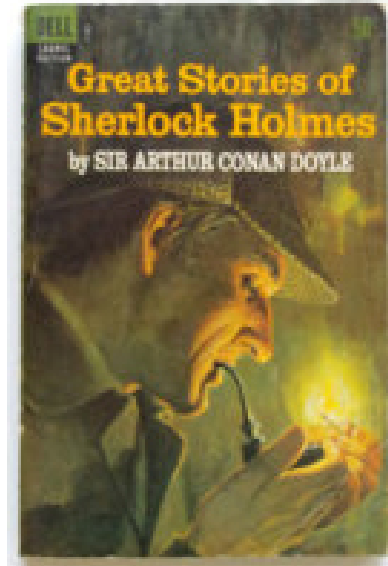
I have always been addicted to the writings of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. For me, he has created magic with his word pictures. I have been thinking about the books that brought me to Holmes. After finding copies of the covers through Google, I wanted to share my experiences through these pictures.

The first book was a paperback edition of William S Baring Gould's, *Sherlock Holmes of Baker Street*. It had a red cover with two figures swirling around as if in tobacco smoke. A friend in high school showed me his copy and let me read the book. I had to find out about the Sherlock Holmes who had all these adventures. Who was the Irene whose name was on the lips of the old man who passed away on a park bench? I found that volume created a little controversy since its release.



I then purchased a paperback with stories from the Canon that transported me from a house in Wichita, Kansas in the 1950s to a Victorian world of Holmes and Watson. The Doctor is the one I imagined

myself to be. I could picture him be the loyal, intelligent companion who became a close friend as well.



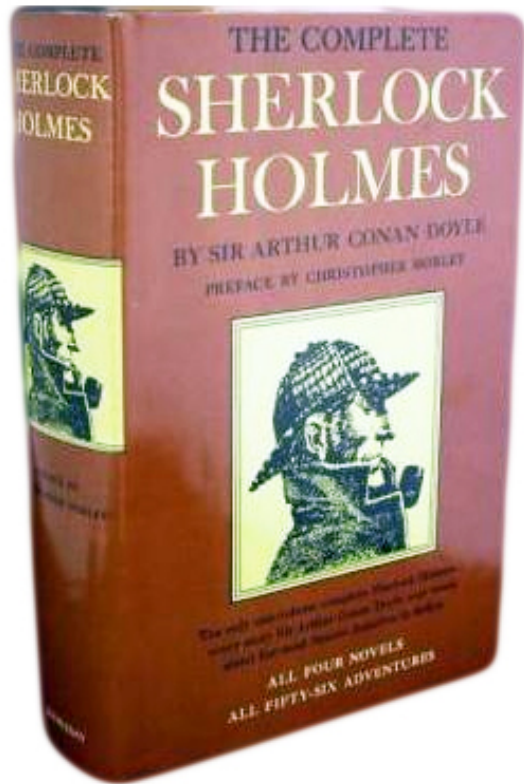
The great stories in the book started with *The Thor Bridge* and ended with *The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place*. By then I had to know more. There had to be more. (I lost the original copy I had. Years later a dear Sherlockian special friend Chuck Hansen passed on and left me his copy. I treasure it as much I would a Beaton's Christmas Annual.)

I saved my allowance and money made mowing lawns and doing odd jobs around my neighborhood. I was able to buy a copy of the one volume that would bring so much delight and enjoyment to me. I had the Doubleday complete one volume.

I wore out two copies of the book by journeys on the city buses, bikes, family vacations. There were stops at swimming pool decks and wherever I worked through high school and college. After several years, I no longer had a copy of the one volume with dust jacket. I bought a copy of the 2-volume set but it did not have the memories as my first. They say that you never forget your first love.

Through the aid of close Sherlockian friends, I put together another copy. Larry Feldman gave his old copy, no dust jacket, with his interesting underlined notes. Karen Murdock sent me a laminated copy of the dust jacket. These gifts allowed me to put together a copy of the complete one volume. I now

carry my copy protected in a zippered book cover case. It means so much.



The books above have led me through the years, good times, bad times and continuing health challenges to my own Shangri-La. I have met and made so many interesting, aggravating, unique and loyal Sherlockians and Holmesian friends. Thank you all. I hope this article and the above pictures bring back good memories for you also.



Chief Surgeon's Case Notes

By Darlene Cypser

This is the first Medical Bulletin published this year. As some of you know, I had some major upheavals in my life in the past 12 months. Some were devastating to me. I have been amazed at the support I have received from Sherlockians both locally and worldwide. The world of Sherlock Holmes and Sherlockians has remained a “fixed point” which offered stability on stormy seas.

In truth the changes are not over, but I have gotten to the point of being able to take more control over where they are going and catch up on some of the backlog. The most positive change out of this is that I have been accepted in the Master of Arts in History program at the University of Colorado Denver, which should allow me opportunities to discover and recruit new students of the Master to join Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients.

We are always looking for pieces to include in the *Medical Bulletin* whether a story, a review, a limerick or, as in this edition, personal reminiscences of Sherlock Holmes like Ron wrote.

I have discussed two future projects with members of the Medical Board: 1) Publishing a collection of past DWNP trivia quizzes as an e-book; 2) Creating our own audio book readings of the Canon. I have the equipment for the latter. We would just need a quiet place to do the readings and some victims... I mean... volunteers. We will discuss these more in the coming year. I think they will be fun.

We will be having the Medical Board elections at the annual dinner. Let Larry Feldman, Ron Lies or I know if you would like to join us. We would be especially interested in new Interns. The “duties” are light. No 12 hour shifts.





Sherlock Series 3

PBS stations in the US will be presenting the next three installments of Hartswood Films and BBC's modern day Sherlock Holmes series on January 19 and 26 and February 2 on Masterpiece Mystery after Downtown Abbey. (Check listings for airtime but I think it is 10 pm.) The episodes will air in the UK starting January 1st, meaning that there is only an 18 day delay between the US & UK screenings. The BSI Weekend in New York is later this year and will coincide with the US premiere of the third series. DVD and Bluray copies of the series are expected to be released shortly after the series airs.

Dr. Watson's Neglected Patients Calendar

January 5 – Outpatients Meeting at Pints Pub

January 19 – Sherlock Series 3 on PBS – The Empty Hearse

January 26 – Annual Birthday Dinner at Stonebrook Manor

January 26 – Sherlock Series 3 on PBS – The Sign of Three

February 2 – Sherlock Series 3 on PBS – His Last Vow

February – Outpatients Meeting at Pints Pub - TBA

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