



## Adventure II -- The Sign of Four

Since the publication of *A Study in Scarlet* in 1887, many Sherlockian “chronologists” have worked to place the 60 stories into order, based on the date in which the story occurred.

These chronologists have looked at a myriad of items in each of the stories, such as weather conditions mentioned during the story, events occurring at the same time, other stories from the Canon mentioned, and even “trifles” such as statements made in the story.

While there are over 30 or 40 such chronologies that have been developed, the list below provides a good representation of those efforts.

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a.	The Original Story by Arthur Conan Doyle	1888
b.	William Baring-Gould	Tuesday, September 18, 1888
c.	H.W. Bell	Wednesday, September 7, 1887
d.	Roger Butters	July, 1887
e.	Jay Finley Christ	Tuesday, September 25, 1888
f.	Jean-Pierre Crauser	Tuesday, June 7, 1887
g.	D. Martin Dakin	Thursday, September 28, 1888
h.	Bill Dorn	Thursday, April 19, 1888
i.	Henry Folsom	Tuesday, July 17, 1888
j.	John Hall	July 7, or September, 1888
k.	Craig Janasek	Tuesday, September 18, 1888
l.	Brad Keefauver	Tuesday, September 4, 1888
m.	Toshio Suzuki	Friday, September 7, 1888
n.	June Thomson	July 7, or September, 1888
o.	Ernest Bloomfield Zeisler	Monday, April 16, 1888

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