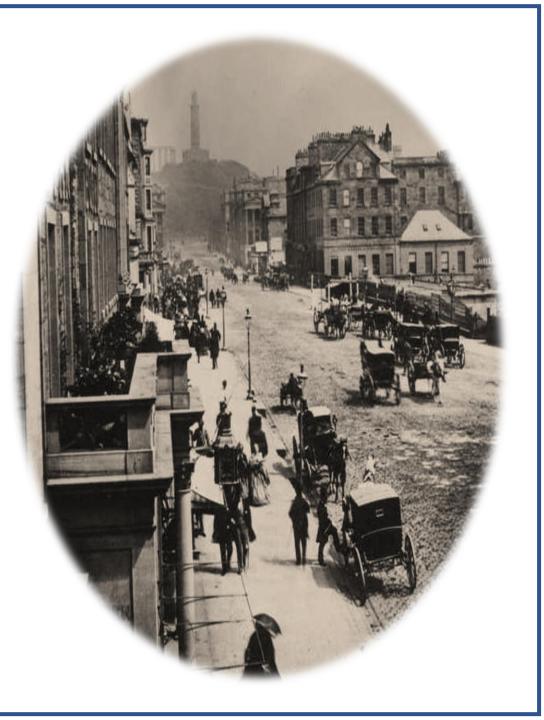


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ARTHUR IGNATIUS CONAN DOYLE WAS BORN ON MAY 22, 1859, IN EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND TO AN STRICT IRISH-CATHOLIC FAMILY.

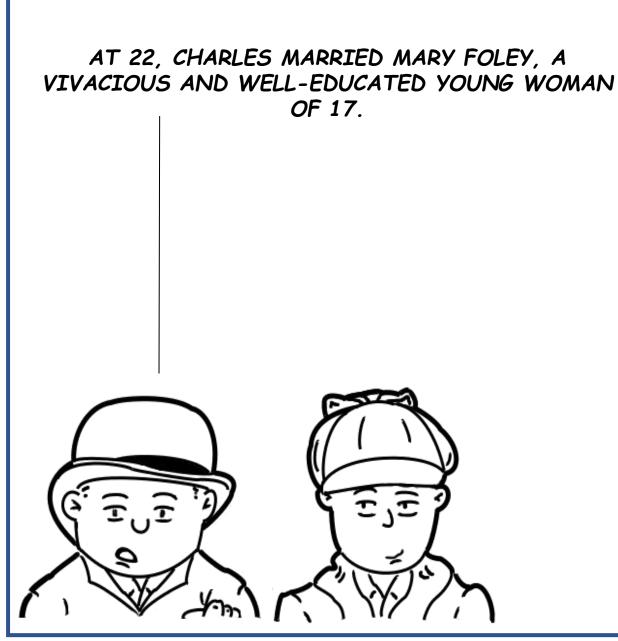




CHARLES ALTAMONT DOYLE, ARTHUR'S FATHER, WAS WELL-RESPECTED IN THE ART WORLD, BUT WAS A LIFE-LONG ALCOHOLIC.









MARY DOYLE WAS A LIVELY AND WELL-EDUCATED WOMAN WHO LOVED TO READ... SHE DELIGHTED IN TELLING HER YOUNG SON STORIES OF FANTASY... HER ENTHUSIASM AND ANIMATION DURING THE STORY TELLING SPARKED ARTHUR'S IMAGINATION.





THERE WAS LITTLE MONEY IN THE FAMILY AND HIS FATHER'S STRUGGLES CAUSED MASSIVE STRAINS WITHIN THE HOUSEHOLD.



AFTER ARTHUR REACHED HIS 9TH BIRTHDAY, THE WEALTHY MEMBERS OF THE DOYLE FAMILY OFFERED TO PAY FOR HIS STUDIES.





HE BID A TEARFUL GOODBYE TO HIS PARENTS AND WAS SHIPPED OFF TO ATTEND HODDER PLACE, STONYHURST IN ENGLAND.





THE EXPERIENCE WAS BRUTAL: FELLOW STUDENTS BULLIED HIM, AND ARTHUR DID NOT BELIEVE IN THE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT USED AT THE SCHOOL.



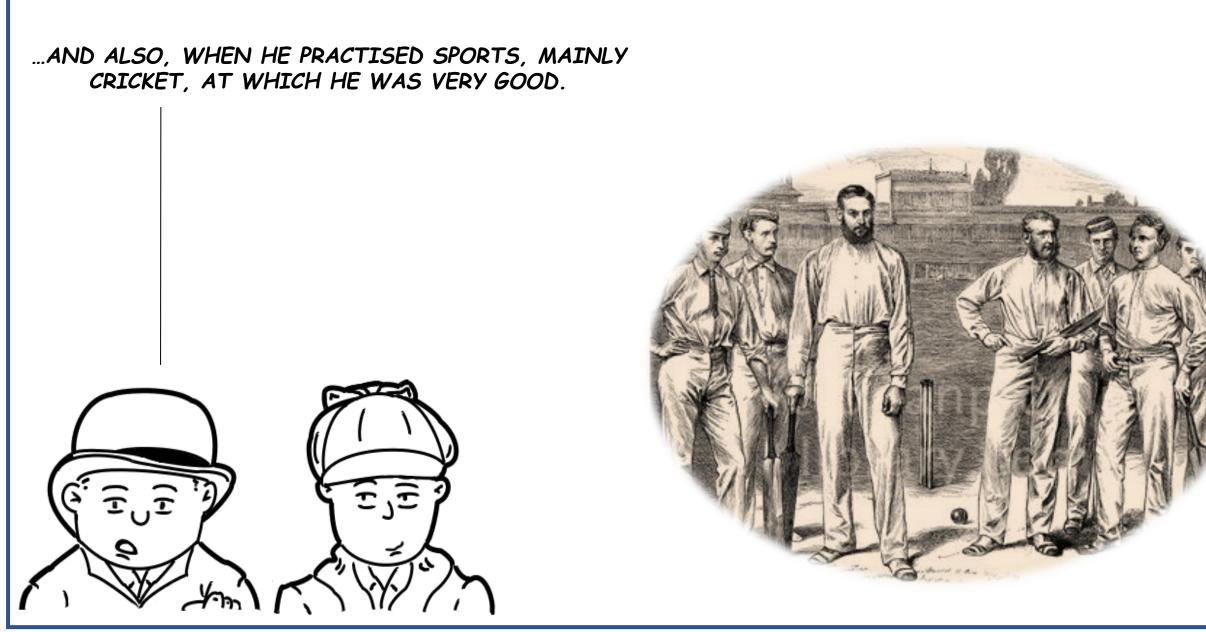


DURING THOSE YEARS, ARTHUR'S ONLY MOMENTS OF HAPPINESS WERE WHEN HE WROTE TO HIS MOTHER, A REGULAR HABIT THAT LASTED FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE...

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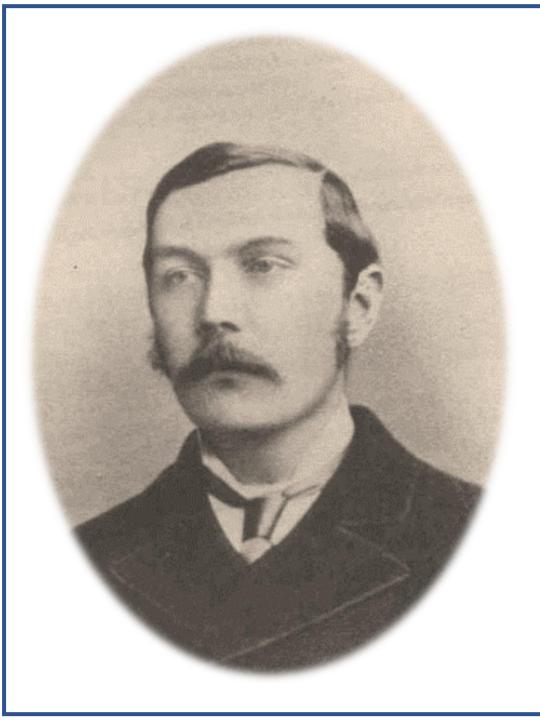
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OVER TIME, ARTHUR FOUND SOLACE IN HIS FLAIR FOR STORYTELLING, FINDING YOUNGER STUDENTS AN EAGER AUDIENCE.





WHEN DOYLE GRADUATED IN 1876, HIS PARENTS EXPECTED HE WOULD STUDY ART, SUCH AS SO MANY OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS.



INSTEAD, DOYLE DECIDED TO PURSUE A MEDICAL DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.





AT MED SCHOOL, DOYLE MET HIS MENTOR, PROFESSOR DR. JOSEPH BELL...



...WHOSE KEEN POWERS OF OBSERVATION WOULD LATER INSPIRE DOYLE TO CREATE HIS FAMED FICTIONAL DETECTIVE CHARACTER.



JEPH BELL AND SHERLOCK I



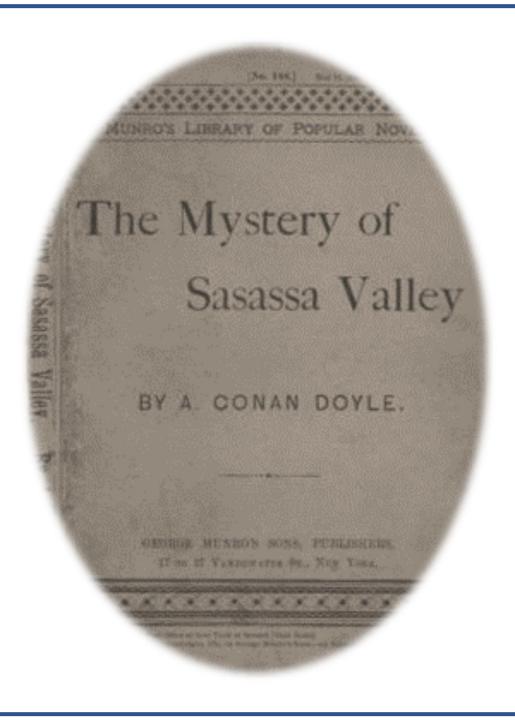
THE YOUNG MEDICAL STUDENT MET A NUMBER OF FUTURE AUTHORS WHO WERE ALSO ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY, INCLUDING JAMES BARRIE AND ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.





WHILE A MEDICAL STUDENT, DOYLE TOOK HIS OWN FIRST STAB AT WRITING, WITH A SHORT STORY CALLED, 'THE MYSTERY OF SASSSA VALLEY.'





IT WAS ACCEPTED IN AN EDINBURGH MAGAZINE CALLED CHAMBER'S JOURNAL, WHICH HAD PUBLISHED THOMAS HARDY'S FIRST WORK.





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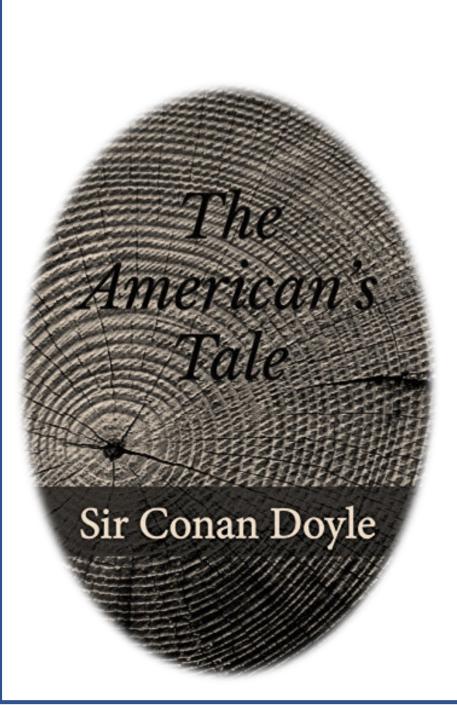
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THE INNOCENT RAILWAY.

WHILE the railways in general are the scene of so many dreadful accidents, it is pleasant to know there is one which never breaks bones-namely, the Edinburgh and lkeith Railway. A friend of ours calls it The Innocent very, as being so peculiar for its indestructive chaand also with some reference to the simplicity of lady and gentleman-like personages. There b management. It is really quite refreshing, one set of carriages, with one set of any of the whizzing, whistling, snort- conductor makes an eye selection of wing railways, and having one's certain set of seats, and contrives their frantic speed, to get a out offending any. Perhav Railway, where you with a black cott

smoking their pipes or counting their money in their tenfold laps-the labours of the day all past-nothing now to be done but to cruise home by the Innocent Railway, 'in maiden meditation fancy-free,' Singly and in groups come up the passengers, country-peo most of them, with a great tendency to cotton brellas and bundles, but also a sprinkling of



THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A SECOND STORY, 'THE AMERICAN TALE,' WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN LONDON SOCIETY... DOYLE LATER WROTE, "IT WAS IN THIS YEAR THAT I FIRST LEARNED THAT SHILLINGS MIGHT BE EARNED IN OTHER WAYS THAN BY FILLING PHIALS."



CONAN DOYLE WAS TWENTY YEARS OLD AND IN HIS THIRD YEAR OF MEDICAL STUDIES WHEN HE TOOK A SHOP SURGEON'S POST ON A WHALING SHIP.

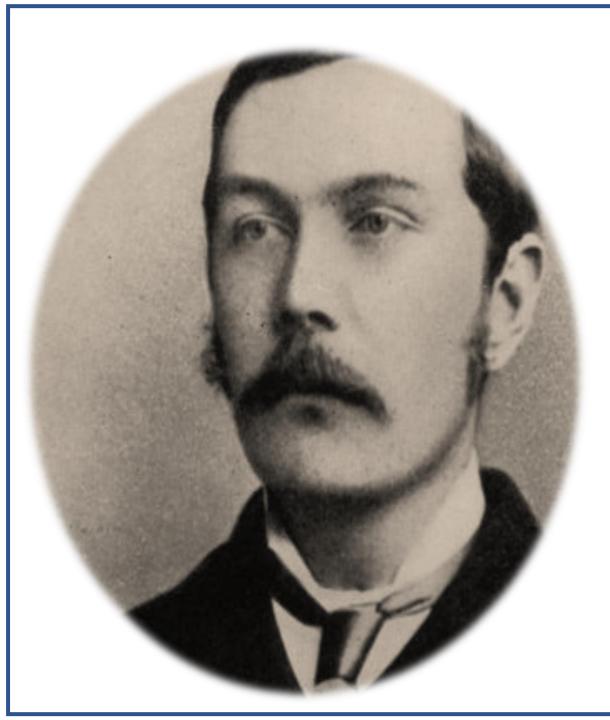
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a Petithead Whaler 3344 The in the background by Capt John Gray aplie Stope all day we were steaming on nather carling through humps of ice which atudded the water, sometimes so theckly that you could yoump from one to another for hundreds of yards, and sometimes only a bit as two wearble. The large we fuld seems to be an our left. See a ship about 5 miles hehend us, angepared the Jan mayer, while for away is a soil so denly wesselle. Them It head law says he can see Thursday, 1815 march toward decamed that he sas amon last night, so we are sure to lucans of anything

THE TRIP, TO THE ARCTIC CIRCLE, AWAKENED DOYLE'S SENSE OF ADVENTURE.





THE YOUNG MEDICAL STUDENT WAS APPALLED BY THE BRUTALITY OF SEAL AND WHALE HUNTS... "I WENT ON BOARD THE WHALER A BIG STRAGGLING YOUTH" HE SAID, "I CAME OFF A POWERFUL, WELL-GROWN MAN".



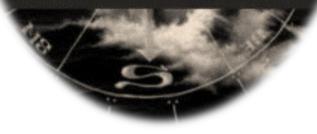






THE CAPTAIN OF THE POLESTAR

Arthur Conan Doyl



WITHOUT MUCH ENTHUSIASM, CONAN DOYLE RETURNED TO HIS STUDIES IN THE AUTUMN OF 1880.





A YEAR LATER, HE OBTAINED HIS 'BACHELOR OF MEDICINE' AND 'MASTER OF SURGERY' DEGREE.



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HE DREW A HUMOROUS SKETCH OF HIMSELF RECEIVING HIS DIPLOMA, WITH THE CAPTION: 'LICENSED TO KILL'.



WHILE AT THE UNIVERSITY, DOYLE BECAME INCREASINGLY INTERESTED IN SPIRITUALISM, WHICH HE WOULD LATER ENDORSE THROUGH A SERIES OF WRITTEN WORKS.







DOYLE'S FIRST PAYING JOB AS A DOCTOR TOOK THE FORM OF A MEDICAL OFFICER'S POSITION ABOARD THE STEAMSHIP MAYUMBA, TRAVELLING FROM LIVERPOOL TO AFRICA.





AFTER HIS STINT ON THE MAYUMBA, DOYLE SETTLED IN PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND FOR A TIME... AFTER THAT DEBACLE, AND ON THE VERGE OF BANKRUPTCY, CONAN DOYLE LEFT FOR PORTSMOUTH, TO OPEN HIS FIRST PRACTICE.



HE SPENT THE NEXT FEW YEARS STRUGGLING TO BALANCE HIS BURGEONING MEDICAL CAREER WITH HIS EFFORTS TO GAIN RECOGNITION AS AN AUTHOR.





DOYLE WOULD LATER GIVE UP MEDICINE ALTOGETHER, IN ORDER TO DEVOTE ALL OF HIS ATTENTION TO HIS WRITING AND HIS FAITH.



IN AUGUST OF 1885, HE MARRIED A YOUNG WOMAN CALLED LOUISA HAWKINS, THE SISTER OF ONE OF HIS PATIENTS... DOYLE DESCRIBED HER IN HIS MEMOIRS AS HAVING BEEN "GENTLE AND AMIABLE."







THE COUPLE MOVED TO UPPER WIMPOLE STREET AND HAD TWO CHILDREN, A DAUGHTER AND A SON.





IN 1893, LOUISA WAS DIAGNOSED WITH TUBERCULOSIS.





WHILE LOUISA WAS AILING, DOYLE DEVELOPED A PLATONIC AFFECTION FOR A YOUNG WOMAN NAMED JEAN LECKIE.



LOUISA ULTIMATELY DIED OF TUBERCULOSIS IN DOYLE'S ARMS, IN 1906... THE FOLLOWING YEAR, DOYLE WOULD REMARRY TO JEAN LECKIE, WITH WHOM HE WOULD HAVE TWO SONS AND A DAUGHTER.





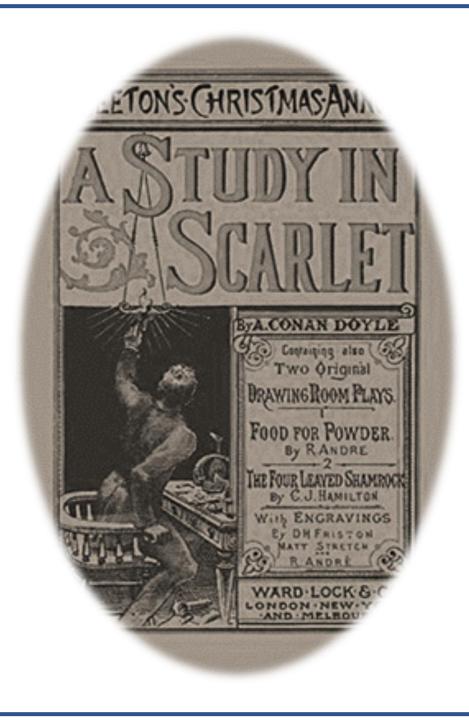
IN 1886, NEWLY MARRIED TO LOUISA, AND STILL STRUGGLING TO MAKE IT AS AN AUTHOR, DOYLE STARTED WRITING THE MYSTERY NOVEL <u>A TANGLED</u> <u>SKEIN.</u> IT'S TWO MAIN CHARACTERS WERE CALLED SHERIDAN HOPE AND ORMOND SACKER.

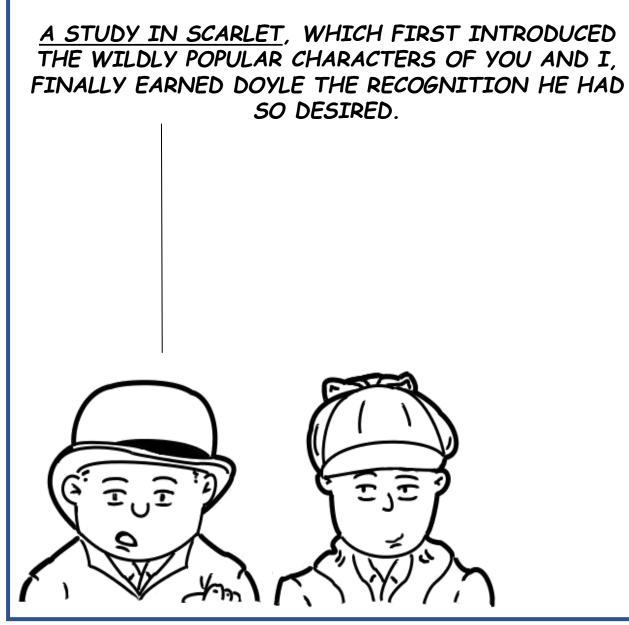
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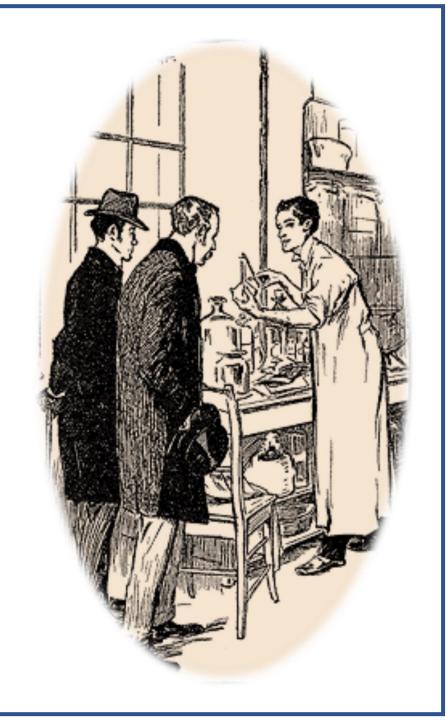


TWO YEARS LATER, THE NOVEL WAS RENAMED <u>A</u> <u>STUDY IN SCARLET</u> AND PUBLISHED IN <u>BEETON'S</u> <u>CHRISTMAS ANNUAL</u>.











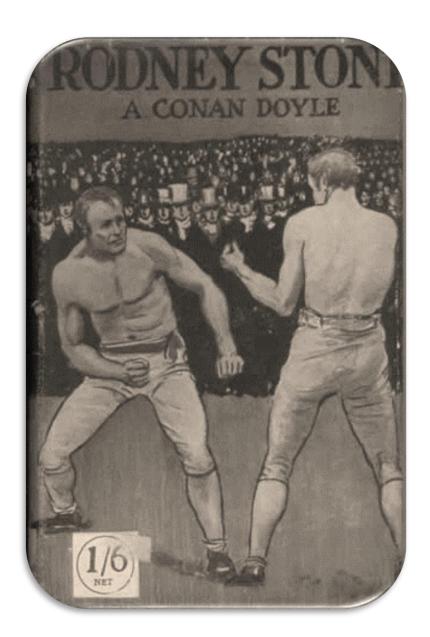
IT WAS THE FIRST OF 60 STORIES THAT DOYLE WOULD PEN ABOUT US OVER THE COURSE OF HIS WRITING CAREER.





UPON ACHIEVING SUCCESS AS A WRITER, DOYLE DECIDED TO RETIRE FROM MEDICINE.





THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, HE ADDITIONALLY PRODUCED A HANDFUL OF HISTORICAL NOVELS INCLUDING ONE ABOUT THE NAPOLEONIC ERA CALLED THE GREAT SHADOW IN 1892, AND HIS MOST FAMOUS HISTORICAL NOVEL, RODNEY STONE, IN 1896.



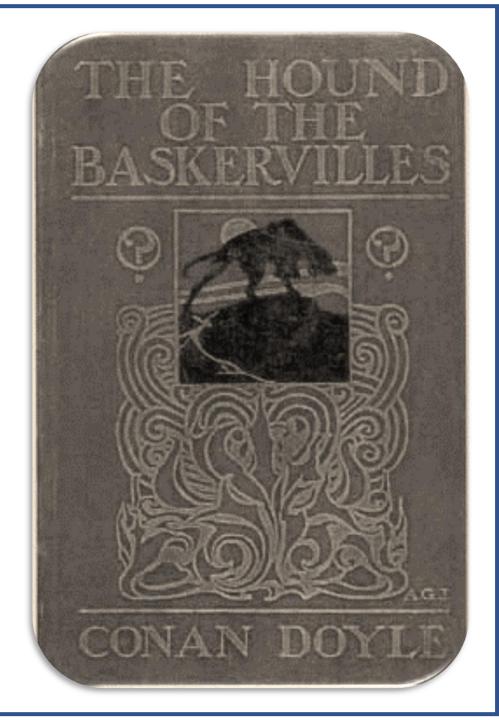


THE PROLIFIC AUTHOR ALSO COMPOSED FOUR OF HIS MOST POPULAR SHERLOCK HOLMES BOOKS DURING THE 1890S AND EARLY 1900S...



<u>THE SIGN OF FOUR</u> (1890), <u>THE ADVENTURES OF</u> <u>SHERLOCK HOLMES</u> (1892), <u>THE MEMOIRS OF</u> <u>SHERLOCK HOLMES</u> (1894) AND <u>THE HOUND OF</u> <u>BASKERVILLES</u>, PUBLISHED IN 1901.

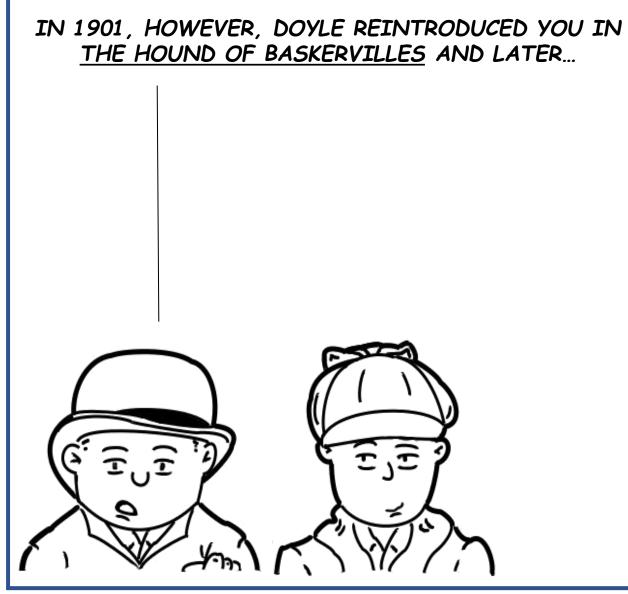




IN 1893, TO DOYLE'S READERS' DISDAIN, HE HAD ATTEMPTED TO KILL YOU OFF IN ORDER TO FOCUS MORE ON WRITING ABOUT SPIRITUALISM AND HIS HISTORICAL NOVELS.



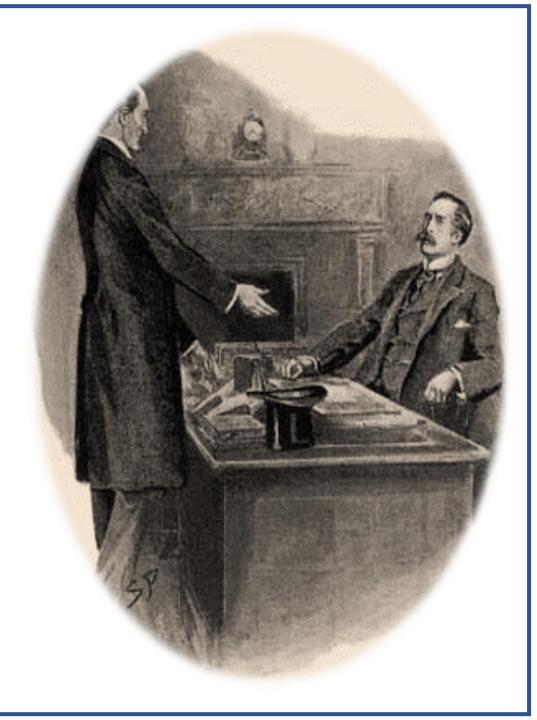


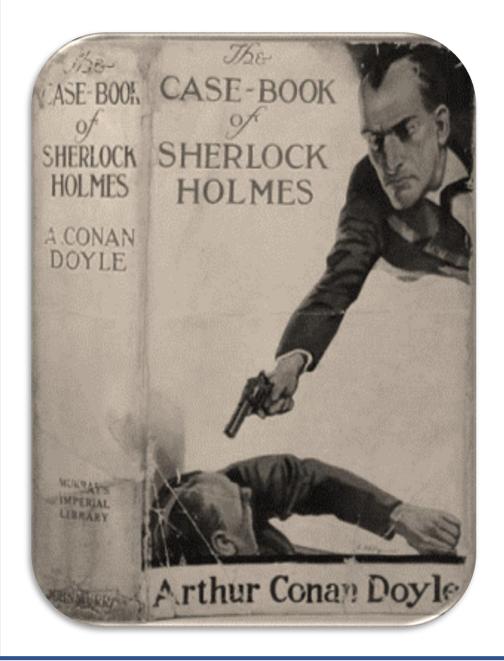




...BROUGHT YOU BACK TO LIFE IN 'THE ADVENTURE OF THE EMPTY HOUSE' SO YOU COULD EARN DOYLE THE MONEY TO FUND HIS MISSIONARY WORK.







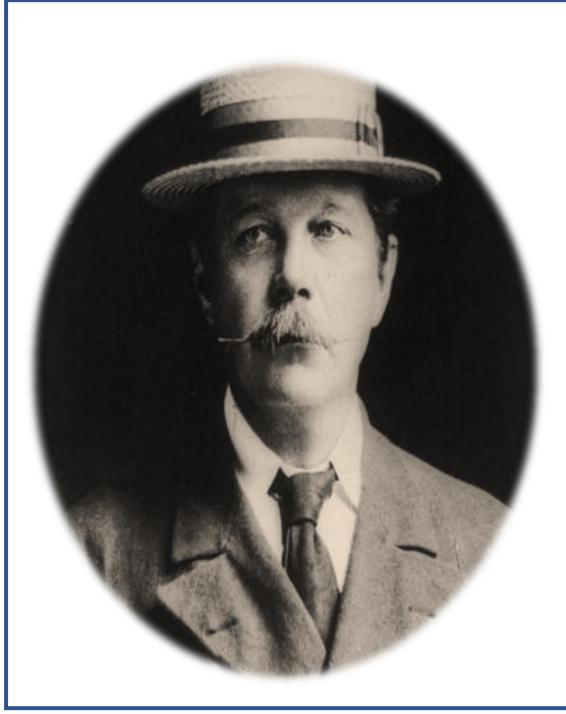
IN 1928, DOYLE'S FINAL TWELVE STORIES ABOUT US WERE PUBLISHED IN A COMPILATION ENTITLED <u>THE CASEBOOK OF SHERLOCK HOLMES</u>.





HAVING RECENTLY BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH ANGINA PECTORIS, DOYLE STUBBORNLY IGNORED HIS DOCTOR'S WARNINGS, AND IN THE FALL OF 1929, EMBARKED ON A TOUR THROUGH THE NETHERLANDS.





HE RETURNED HOME WITH CHEST PAINS SO SEVERE THAT HE NEEDED TO BE CARRIED ON SHORE OFF THE PASSENGER SHIP.





RISING ONE LAST TIME ON JULY 7, 1930, DOYLE COLLAPSED AND DIED IN HIS GARDEN WHILE CLUTCHING HIS HEART WITH ONE HAND AND HOLDING A FLOWER IN THE OTHER.





HIS LAST WORDS BEFORE DEPARTING FOR "THE GREATEST AND MOST GLORIOUS ADVENTURE OF ALL," WERE ADDRESSED TO HIS WIFE. HE WHISPERED, "YOU ARE WONDERFUL."



SO, WE HAVE COMPLETED TOPIC # BOO3 IN OUR SERIES

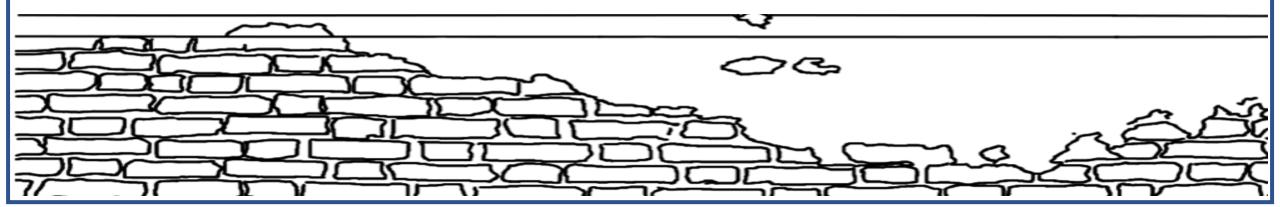
STARTING IN TOPIC # BOO4, WE WILL PROVIDE SUMMARIES OF ALL 60 OF OUR ADVENTURES.





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