

A Compendium of Canonical Characters



The Return of Sherlock Holmes

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Frederic Dorr Steele,
February, 1904

The Adventure of Black Peter



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I have never known my friend to be in better form, both mental and physical, than in the year '95. His increasing fame had brought with it immense practice and I should be guilty of an indiscretion if I were to hint at the identity of some of the illustrious clients who crossed our humble threshold in Baker Street. Holmes however, like all great artists, lived for his art's sake and, save in the case of the Duke of Holderness I have seldom known him claim any large reward for his incalculable services. So unworldly was he - or so capricious - that he frequently refused his help to the powerful and wealthy, where the problem made no appeal to his sympathies, while he would devote weeks of most intense application to the affairs of some humble client whose case presented those strange and dramatic qualities which appealed to his imagination and challenged his ingenuity.

In this memorable year '95 a curious and incongruous succession of cases had engaged his attention, ranging from his famous investigation of the sudden death of Cardinal Tosca - an inquiry which was carried out by him at the express desire of his Holiness the Pope - down to his arrest of Wilson, the notorious Canary-trainer, which removed a plague-spot from the East end of London. Close on the heels of these two famous cases came the tragedy of Woodman's Dec, and the very obscure circumstances which surrounded the death of Captain Carey. No record of the doings of Mr. Sherlock Holmes would be complete which did not include some account of this very unusual affair.

During the first week of July my friend had been absent so often and so long from our lodgings that I knew that he had a hand. The fact that several rough-looking men called during the week and inquired for Captain Basil made me understand that he was being somewhere under one of the numerous disguises which he concealed his own formidable

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Inspector Hopkins arrives at 221B to further explain the details around Peter Carey, a former whale fisher nicknamed "Black Peter", who has been murdered in the shed next to his residence.

Holmes, who has spent the morning practicing with a harpoon and a butchered pig, must determine who is responsible for the death of the former sea captain, with the only clues available: two rum glasses, a sealskin tobacco pouch with the initials P.C. inside, and a bloodstained notebook containing figures in front of the initials JHN.

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Filmography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
March, 1922	UK	Eille Norwood	Hubert Willis
November 18, 1968	UK	Peter Cushing	Nigel Stock
November 18, 2013	UK	Igor Petrenko	Andrei Panin

Radiography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
May 11, 1931	NBC	Richard Gordon	Leigh Lovell
December 08, 1940	Blue (NBC)	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
1948	Mutual	John Stanley	Wendel Holmes
March 05, 1961	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
July 01, 1969	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
1970		Robert Hardy	Nigel Stock
1987	BBC	Roy Marsden	John Moffatt
March 11, 1993	BBC	Clive Merrison	Michael Williams

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Sherlock Holmes



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“If you could have looked into Allardyce's back shop, you would have seen a dead pig swung from a hook in the ceiling, and a gentleman in his shirt sleeves furiously stabbing at it with this weapon.”

“Have you tried to drive a harpoon through a body? No? Tut, tut. You must really pay attention to these details.”

(Igor Petrenko, 2013, Sherlock Holmes, “221 B Baker Street”)

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John Watson



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“Holmes, however, like all great artists, lived for his art's sake, and ... I have seldom known him claim any large reward for his inestimable services.”

“Only when I pressed the cold muzzle of the revolver to his temple did he at last understand that resistance was vain. We lashed his ankles with cord, and rose breathless from the struggle.”

“Good gracious, Holmes, you don't mean to say that you have been walking about London with that thing?”

(Andrei Panin, 2013, Sherlock Holmes, “221B Baker Street”)

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Captain Peter Carey



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A seal and whale fisher who commanded the steam sealer **SEA UNICORN** of Dundee. Known as “Black Peter” on account of his swarthy features and the colour of his huge beard, and for the humours which were the terror of all around him.

He was an intermittent drunkard. Lived in Woodman's Lee, near Forest Row, in Sussex. with his wife and daughter.

(Alexander Ilin, 2013, *Sherlock Holmes*, “221B Baker Street”)

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Inspector Stanley Hopkins



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A young police inspector, for whose future Holmes had high hopes.

“And there, in the middle of it, was the man himself—his face twisted like a lost soul in torment, Right through his broad breast a steel harpoon had been driven, and it had sunk deep into the wood of the wall behind him. He was pinned like a beetle on a card.”

(Teddy Arundell, 1922, The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, “Black Peter”)

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Mr. Slater



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“A stonemason, walking from Forest Row about one o'clock in the morning — two days before the murder — he swears that the shadow of a man's head turned sideways was clearly visible on the blind, and that this shadow was certainly not that of Peter Carey, whom he knew well.”

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Mrs. Carey



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Wife of Peter Carey.

“A haggard, gray-haired woman, ... whose gaunt and deep-lined face, with the furtive look of terror in the depths of her red-rimmed eyes, told of the years of hardship and ill-usage which she had endured.”

(Ilona Ference, 1968, *Sherlock Holmes*, “Black Peter”)

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John Hopley Neligan



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Son of banker Neligan. A young man, frail and thin, with a black moustache, ... not much above twenty years of age.

"He was dressed like a gentleman, in Norfolk jacket and knickerbockers, with a cloth cap upon his head."

"It has always been said that my father stole all the securities and fled. It is not true."

(Wilfred Downing, 1968, *Sherlock Holmes*, "Black Peter")

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Mr. Neligan Sr.



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Banker of firm Dawson &
Neligan who absconded with
securities of bank’s customers.

“They failed for a million, ruined
half the county families of
Cornwall, and Neligan
disappeared.”

Thrown overboard by Black
Peter who kept his securities in a
tin box.

“It was my father who was really
concerned.”

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James Lancaster



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A sailor who answered a newspaper ad placed by Holmes for a harpooner.

“A little ribston-pippin of a man, with ruddy cheeks and fluffy white side-whiskers.”

“I am sorry, Lancaster, but the berth is full. Here is half a sovereign for your trouble. Just step into this room and wait there for a few minutes.”

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Peter Carey's Daughter



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"A pale, fair-haired girl, whose eyes blazed defiantly at us as she told us that she was glad that her father was dead, and that she blessed the hand which had struck him down."

"About two o'clock the following morning his daughter, who slept with her window open, heard a most fearful yell from that direction, but it was no unusual thing for him to bawl and shout when he was in drink, so no notice was taken."

(Ilona Rodgers, 1968, Sherlock Holmes, "Black Peter")

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Patrick Cairns



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Harpooner who worked for Peter Carey on SEA UNICORN and intended to blackmail him. The true owner of the sealskin tobacco pouch.

“You say I murdered Peter Carey, I say I KILLED Peter Carey, and there's all the difference.”

“I knew Black Peter, and when he pulled out his knife I whipped a harpoon through him sharp, for I knew that it was him or me.”

(Jerold Wells, 1968, Sherlock Holmes, “Black Peter”)

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Hugh Pattins



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A sailor who answered a newspaper ad placed by Holmes for a harpooner.

“A long, dried-up creature, with lank hair and sallow cheeks.”

Was paid half a sovereign for answering the ad.

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The Harpoon



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"Right through his broad breast a steel harpoon had been driven, and it had sunk deep into the wood of the wall behind him. He was pinned like a beetle on a card."

"One was the harpoon with which the deed was committed. It had been snatched down from a rack on the wall. Two others remained there, and there was a vacant place for the third. On the stock was engraved "S.S. Sea Unicorn, Dundee."

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In this memorable year of 1895
(Watson)
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(Baring-Gould)

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Abbreviation:

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