

A Compendium of Canonical Characters



The Hound of the Baskervilles

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Frederic Dorr Steele
1901

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Richard Gutschmidt
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walking with it."

"Perfectly sound!" said Holmes.

"And then again there is the ^{kind of the} C. C. H. that is to be the Something Hunt, the local hunt to which his pointing gives some surprise."

"Really, Watson, you exalt yourself" said I, rising and lighting a cigarette. "I am bound to say that the accounts which you have been so good as to give of my small achievements you have habitually underrated your abilities. You are not luminous, but you are a conductor. So people without possessing genius have a remarkable power of stimulating genius. I confess, my dear fellow, that I am very much in your debt."

He had never ^{said} confessed as much before, and I must admit that his words gave me a keen pleasure for I had often been piqued by his indifference to my admiration and to the attempt which I had made to give publicity to his methods. He took the stick from my hands and examined it for a few minutes with his naked eye. Then with an expression of interest he laid down his cigarette and, carrying the cane to the window, he looked over it again with a convex lens.

"Exhausting though elementary" said he, as he returned to his favourite corner of the settee. "There are certainly one or two indications upon the stick ^{Has anything escaped me?}"

"Any which I have not observed?" I asked with some self-importance. "I trust that this is nothing of importance here."

"I am afraid, my dear Watson, that most of your deductions were erroneous. When I said that you stimulated me I meant, to be frank, that in noting I was occasionally guided towards the truth. It is only wrong in this instance. The man is a genius. And he walks a good deal."

"Then I was right?"

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B. Widman
July, 1902

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Dr. James Mortimer arrives at 221 B Baker Street to deliver Sherlock Holmes an interesting history of the Baskerville family, starting with the murderous deeds and revenge upon Hugo Baskerville.

The curse on the family has carried forward, with Charles Baskerville being the latest victim, dying at night with the prints of a gigantic hound near him.

Can Holmes determine if the curse is real or not before the next heir, Henry Baskerville takes over the Hall, and possibly becomes the next victim?

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Sidney Paget,
August, 1901

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Filmography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
June, 1914	DE	Alwin Neuss	
1915	DE	Eugen Burg	
August, 1921	UK	Eille Norwood	Hubert Willis
August, 1929	DE	Carlyle Blackwell	George Scroff
April, 1932	UK	Robert Rendel	Frederick Lloyd
January, 1937	DE	Bruno Güttner	Fritz Odemar
March, 1939	US	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
August, 1955	DE	Wolf Ackva	Arnulf Schröder
May, 1959	UK	Peter Cushing	André Morell
September, 1968	UK	Peter Cushing	Nigel Stock
November, 1968	IT	Nando Gazzolo	Gianni Bonagura
1971	RU	Nikolai Volkov	Lev Krugly
November, 1974	FR	Raymond Gérôme	André Haber
October, 1978	UK	Peter Cook	Dudley Moore
July, 1981	RU	Vasily Livanov	Vitaly Solomin
October, 1982	UK	Tom Baker	Terence Rigby
November, 1983	UK	Ian Richardson	Donald Churchill
August, 1988	UK	Jeremy Brett	Edward Hardwicke
November, 2002	UK	Richard Roxburgh	Ian Hart
March, 2012	UK	Benedict Cumberbatch	Martin Freeman

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Raymond Pallier
October, 1921

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Radiography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
February 04, 1932	Blue (NBC)	Richard Gordon	Leigh Lovell
November 19, 1936	Blue (NBC)	Louis Hector	Harry West
June 11, 1939	NBC	Jack Benny	
January 12, 1941	Blue (NBC)	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
April 06, 1958	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
August 05, 1961	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
1965		Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
1971		Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
1959		Michel Etcheverry	Pierre Destailles
1977	CBS	Kevin McCarthy	Court Benson
1984		Nicol Williamson	George Rose
1988	BBC	Roger Rees	Crawford Logan
June, 1992	NPR	Edward Petherbridge	David Pearl
June 28, 1998	BBC	Clive Merrison	Michael Williams
September 24, 2006	Jim French	John Patrick Lowrie	Lawrence Albert

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Sherlock Holmes



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"Really Watson, you excel yourself. It may be that you are not yourself luminous, but you are a conductor of light."

"He was running, Watson—running desperately, running for his life, running until he burst his heart—and fell dead upon his face."

"It's an ugly business, Watson, an ugly dangerous business, and the more I see of it the less I like it."

"It is a lovely evening, my dear Watson, I really think that you will be more comfortable outside than in."

(Peter Cushing, 1959, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*)

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Dr. John Watson



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"The promise of adventure had always a fascination for me, and I was complimented by the words of Holmes and by the eagerness with which the baronet hailed me as a companion."

"Suddenly, in the very dead of the night, there came a sound to my ears, clear, resonant, and unmistakable. It was the sob of a woman."

"Has anything escaped me? I trust that there is nothing of consequence which I have overlooked?"

(Andre Morrell, 1959, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*)

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Sir Charles Baskerville



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08

Master of Baskerville Hall and a widower. Uncle to Sir Henry and Stapleton.

Died while running away Stapleton’s hound.

“The idea of some ghastly presence constantly haunted him, and on more than one occasion he has asked me whether I had on my medical journeys at night ever seen any strange creature or heard the baying of a hound.”

(Raymond Adamson, 1988, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*)

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James Mortimer, M.R.C.S.



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09

A country practitioner in the Devonshire moors who solicits the help of Holmes and Watson to investigate the death of his patient, Sir Charles Baskerville.

“A very tall, thin man, with a long nose like a beak, which jutted out between two keen, gray eyes, set closely together and sparkling brightly from behind a pair of gold-rimmed glasses.”

“Mr. Holmes, they were the footprints of a gigantic hound!”

Accompanied Sir Henry Baskerville on a world cruise recommended for the restoration of his shattered nerves.

(Alistair Duncan, 1988, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*)

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Sir Henry Baskerville



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10

Heir to the Baskerville estate. Was farming in Canada.

“A small, alert, dark-eyed man about thirty years of age, very sturdily built, with thick black eyebrows and a strong, pugnacious face. There was something in his steady eye and the quiet assurance of his bearing which indicated the gentleman.”

“There is no man upon this earth who can prevent me from going to the home of my own people.”

“I guess we are aiding and abetting a felony, Watson? But, after what we have heard I don't feel as if I could give the man up, so there is an end of it.”

(Christopher Lee, 1959, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*)

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Letter to the Baskerville Heirs



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“Such is the tale, my sons, of the coming of the hound which is said to have plagued the family so sorely ever since.

“Nor can it be denied that many of the family have been unhappy in their deaths, which have been sudden, bloody, and mysterious.

“My sons, I hereby commend you, and I counsel you by way of caution to forbear from crossing the moor in those dark hours when the powers of evil are exalted.”

Hugo Baskerville

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Sir Hugo Baskerville



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Squire of Manor of Baskerville in mid-17th century. Seized yeoman's daughter and when she escaped, “He cried aloud before all the company that he would render his body and soul to the Powers of Evil if he might overtake the wench.”

“Standing over Hugo, and plucking at his throat, there stood a foul thing, a great, black beast, shaped like a hound, yet larger than any hound that ever mortal eye has rested upon.”

(David Oxley, 1959, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*)

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Night Shepherd



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Could barely speak when questioned about the maiden’s and Sir Hugo’s whereabouts.

“He had indeed seen the unhappy maiden, with the hounds upon her track. But I have seen more than that, for Hugo Baskerville passed me upon his black mare, and there ran mute behind him such a hound of hell as God forbid should ever be at my heels.”

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Yeoman's Daughter



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A young maiden, being discreet and of good repute who was kidnapped by Sir Hugo at Baskerville hall. Escaped and tried to return to her father's farm.

"The moon was shining bright upon the clearing, and there in the centre lay the unhappy maid where she had fallen, dead of fear and of fatigue."

(Judi Moyens, 1959, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*)

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James Desmond



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Distant cousin to the Baskervilles, who would inherit the Baskerville estate if Sir Henry Baskerville passed away.

James Desmond is an elderly clergyman in Westmorland.

“He is a man of venerable appearance and of saintly life. I remember that he refused to accept any settlement from Sir Charles, though he pressed it upon him.”

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Cartwright



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A lad of fourteen, with a bright, keen face, sent by Holmes to visit 23 hotels looking for copies of Times newspaper that had words cut from them.

“Visited twenty-three hotels as directed, but sorry, to report unable to trace cut sheet of Times.”

Holmes’ youthful assistant who brought him food, clean linen and reports from Watson during his stay on the moors.

Took a train from Baskerville Hall to London and sent a telegram to Sir Henry that Holmes arrived safely.

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John Barrymore



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Butler at Baskerville Hall. His family served the Baskervilles for four generations. Signaled his brother-in-law, Selden, by candlelight.

“Don't ask me, Sir Henry—don't ask me! I give you my word, sir, that it is not my secret, and that I cannot tell it.”

“I know why he was at the gate at that hour. It was to meet a woman. Her initials were L.L.”

(Larry Dann, 1968, Sherlock Holmes, “The Hound of the Baskervilles”)

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Selden



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18

The Notting Hill murderer who had escaped from Princetown prison and hid in the moors. Fell to his death in the moor after being chased by the hound.

“I remembered the case well, on account of the peculiar ferocity of the crime and the wanton brutality which had marked all the actions of the assassin. The commutation of his death sentence had been due to some doubts as to his complete sanity.”

(Tony Rohr, 1968, *Sherlock Holmes*, “The Hound of the Baskervilles”)

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Eliza Barrymore



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Wife of John Barrymore, and sister of Selden, the murderer.

Helped with hiding her brother from the officials by providing him food and clothing. Planned on sending him to South America.

“Oh, John, John, have I brought you to this? It is my doing, Sir Henry - all mine. He has done nothing except for my sake, and because I asked him.”

(Liza Tarbuck, 2002, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*)

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Mr. Frankland



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20

Elderly litigious resident of Lafton Hall. An amateur astronomer. Used his telescope to spot a boy on the moor.

“He is an elderly man, red-faced, white-haired, and choleric. His passion is for the British law, and he has spent a large fortune in litigation. He fights for the mere pleasure of fighting and is equally ready to take up either side of a question, so that it is no wonder that he has found it a costly amusement.”

“It is a great day for me, sir -- one of the red-letter days of my life. I have brought off a double event. I mean to teach them in these parts that law is law, and that there is a man here who does not fear to invoke it.”

(Bernard Horsfall, 1988, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*)

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“The dog, incited by its master, sprang over the wicket-gate and pursued the unfortunate baronet, who fled screaming down the yew alley.”

“In mere size and strength it was a terrible creature. It was not a pure bloodhound and it was not a pure mastiff; but it appeared to be a combination of the two—gaunt, savage, and as large as a small lioness.”

“The beast was savage and half-starved. If its appearance did not frighten its victim to death, at least it would paralyse the resistance which might be offered.”

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Rodger Baskerville



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Nephew of Sir Charles aka Jack Stapleton aka Mr. Vandeleur. Potential heir to the Baskerville estate. Lived at Merripit House with his wife and was an expert in entomology.

“A tin box for botanical specimens hung over his shoulder and he carried a green butterfly-net in one of his hands.”

“Of course you know the legend of the fiend dog which haunts the family?”

(Richard Grant, 2002, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*)

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Beryl Stapleton



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Beryl Garcia, married Rodger Baskerville in Costa Rica and pretended to be his sister, Beryl.

“With her perfect figure and elegant dress she was, indeed, a strange apparition upon a lonely moorland path.”

“Go back to London! Start tonight! Get away from this place at all costs!”

“Has he escaped? No, no, I did not mean my husband. Sir Henry? Is he safe?”

(Glynis Barber, 1983, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*)

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Laura Lyons



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24

Daughter of Mr. Frankland living in Coombe Tracey. Had a typewriting business.

Encouraged by Stapleton to seek help of Sir Charles for legal expenses of her divorce from her estranged husband.

“Please, Please, as you are a gentleman, burn this letter, and be at the gate by ten o’ clock.”

“He frightened me into remaining silent.”

(Penelope Lee, 1968, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*)

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Inspector Lestrade



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25

Scotland Yard inspector who brought an unsigned warrant for Stapleton’s arrest to Baskerville Hall.

“A small, wiry bulldog of a man.”

“He is the best of the professionals, I think, and we may need his assistance.”

“As long as I have my trousers, I have a hip-pocket, and as long as I have my hip-pocket I have something in it.”

(Rupert Graves, 2012, *Sherlock Holmes*,
“The Hound of the Baskervilles”)

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Grimpen Mire



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"That is the great Grimpen Mire. A false step yonder means death to man or beast."

"Even in dry seasons it is a danger to cross it, but after these autumn rains it is an awful place."

"Somewhere in the heart of the great Grimpen Mire, down in the foul slime of the huge morass which had sucked him in, this cold and cruel-hearted man he [Stapleton] is forever buried."

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Anthony



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27

aka Antonio, old manservant and confidant of Stapleton at Merripit House. Spoke good English with a curious lipsing accent. Escaped from the country after Stapleton disappeared, possibly returning to South America.

“His connection with the Stapletons can be traced for several years, as far back as the school-mastering days, so that he must have been aware that his master and mistress were really husband and wife.”

Possibly cared for the hound in his master’s absence.

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Murphy



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28

A gipsy horse-dealer, who was on the moor at the time Sir Hugo Baskerville chased down the servant girl.

While under the influence of alcohol, he declared he heard cries, but was unable to ascertain from where the screams came from.

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Perkins



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29

Groom who went to fetch Dr. Mortimer on the night of Sir Charles' death.

Drove Mortimer, Henry Baskerville, and Dr. Watson to Baskerville Hall.

“There's a convict escaped from Princetown, sir. He's been out three days now, and the warders watch every road and every station, but they've had no sight of him yet. The farmers about here don't like it, sir, and that's a fact.”

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Wilson



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The manager of a district
messenger office.

“Ah, Wilson, I see you
have not forgotten the little
case in which I had the
good fortune to help you?”

*“No, sir, indeed I have not.
You saved my good name,
and perhaps my life.”*

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Ross & Mangles



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31

Dealers of dogs in
Fulham Road in London.

Stapleton (Rodger
Baskerville) purchased
the hound from them.

“It was the strongest and
most savage in their
possession.”

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John Clayton



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32

Cabman who drove the
mysterious stranger following
Mortimer and Sir Henry
Baskerville in London.

*“The truth is that the
gentleman told me that he was
a detective, and that I was to
say nothing about him to
anyone.”*

*“His name was Mr. Sherlock
Holmes.”*

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Paul Thirist
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