AUTHOR BACKSTORIES

Arthur Conan Doyle

Reading list

Every book in order of first publication. Each series is kept together, in reading order, starting where its first book appeared. Tick the box as you finish each one.

37 books · 3 series · List updated November 14, 2026

Sherlock Holmes

Series · 9 books · 1887–1927

Four novels and five story collections, 60 adventures in all; numbered here in publication order.

- ☐ 1887 *A Study in Scarlet*
  Book 1 · Novel
  The first Holmes story, published in Beeton's Christmas Annual.
- ☐ 1890 *The Sign of Four*
  Book 2 · Novel
- ☐ 1892 *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*
  Book 3 · Story collection
  Twelve stories first published in The Strand Magazine.
- ☐ 1894 *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*
  Book 4 · Story collection
- ☐ 1902 *The Hound of the Baskervilles*
  Book 5 · Novel
  The novel that brought Holmes back.
- ☐ 1905 *The Return of Sherlock Holmes*
  Book 6 · Story collection
- ☐ 1914 *The Valley of Fear*
  Book 7 · Novel
  The last Holmes novel.
- ☐ 1917 *His Last Bow*
  Book 8 · Story collection
- ☐ 1927 *The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes*
  Book 9 · Story collection

- ☐ 1889 *Micah Clarke: A Tale of Monmouth's Rebellion*
  Novel
- ☐ 1889 *The Mystery of Cloomber*
  Novel
- ☐ 1890 *The Firm of Girdlestone*
  Novel

- ☐ 1891 *The White Company*
  Novel
  A historical novel of the Hundred Years' War; Sir Nigel is its companion.
- ☐ 1892 *The Great Shadow*
  Novel
- ☐ 1893 *The Refugees: A Tale of Two Continents*
  Novel
- ☐ 1894 *Round the Red Lamp*
  Story collection
- ☐ 1895 *The Stark Munro Letters*
  Novel

Brigadier Gerard

Series · 2 books · 1896–1903

- ☐ 1896 *The Exploits of Brigadier Gerard*
  Book 1 · Story collection
- ☐ 1903 *The Adventures of Gerard*
  Book 2 · Story collection

- ☐ 1896 *Rodney Stone*
  Novel
- ☐ 1897 *Uncle Bernac*
  Novel
- ☐ 1898 *Songs of Action*
  Poetry
- ☐ 1898 *The Tragedy of the Korosko*
  Novel
- ☐ 1900 *The Great Boer War*
  Nonfiction
- ☐ 1906 *Sir Nigel*
  Novel
- ☐ 1907 *Through the Magic Door*
  Nonfiction
- ☐ 1909 *The Crime of the Congo*
  Nonfiction
  A call for reform in the Congo Free State.

Professor Challenger

Series · 3 books · 1912–1926

- ☐ 1912 *The Lost World*
  Book 1 · Novel

- [ ] 1913 *The Poison Belt*
  Book 2 · Novel
- [ ] 1926 *The Land of Mist*
  Book 3 · Novel

- [ ] 1918 *The New Revelation*
  Nonfiction
  The first book of his spiritualist campaign.
- [ ] 1919 *The Vital Message*
  Nonfiction
- [ ] 1922 *The Coming of the Fairies*
  Nonfiction
  On the Cottingley fairy photographs.
- [ ] 1924 *Memories and Adventures*
  Memoir
  His autobiography.
- [ ] 1926 *The History of Spiritualism*
  Nonfiction
- [ ] 1929 *The Maracot Deep and Other Stories*
  Story collection
- [ ] 2011 *The Narrative of John Smith*
  Novel
  Written in 1883 and published in 2011.