The Return of Sherlock Holmes

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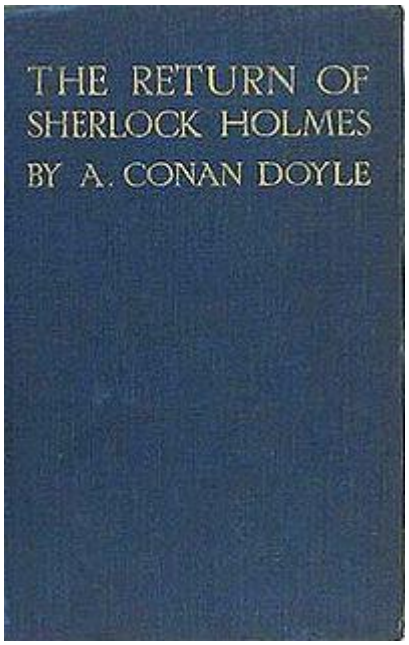

Cover of the first edition of *The Return of Sherlock Holmes*

Author(s)	Arthur Conan Doyle
Illustrator	Sidney Paget
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Language	English
Series	Sherlock Holmes
Genre(s)	Detective fiction short stories
Publisher	George Newnes
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Media type	Print (Hardback)
Pages	403 pp
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Preceded by	*The Hound of the Baskervilles*
Followed by	*The Valley of Fear*

The Return of Sherlock Holmes is a collection of 13 Sherlock Holmes stories, originally published in 1903-1904, by Arthur Conan Doyle.

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[edit] History

The book was first published on 7 March 1905 by Georges Newnes, Ltd and in a Colonial edition by Longmans. 30,000 copies were made of the initial print run. The US edition by McClure, Phillips & Co. added another 28,000 copies to the run.

This was the first Holmes collection since 1893, when Holmes had "died" in *The Final Problem*. Having published *The Hound of the Baskervilles* in 1901–1902 (although setting it before Holmes' death) Doyle came under intense pressure to revive his famous character.

The first story is set in 1894 and has Holmes returning in London and explaining the period from 1891–94, a period called "The Great Hiatus" by Sherlockian enthusiasts.

Also of note is Watson's statement in the last story of the cycle that Holmes has retired, and forbids him to publish any more stories.

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