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# The Complete Conan Doyle Sherlock Holmes (BBC Dramatization)



## Synopsis

Arthur Conan Doyle's fictional detective is one of the most enduring popular sleuths of all time. Gathered together in this striking collectors box set are all the Arthur Conan Doyle stories and novels featuring Holmes and Watsonan impressive accomplishment! The entire forty-eight, the same expert team of directors, producers, dramatizers, and leading actors including Clive Merrison as Holmes and Michael Williams as Watson.

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## Customer Reviews

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I love Sherlock Holmes, and I wanted to have the best product around so I could always have it in my bookcase. I expected this from this product, especially because the price surely seemed to indicate it. However, the box that holds the books had broken down in such a way, that if you try to hold it up, the books fall. The box they came in. I believe this happened because the box it came in didn't provide enough support. The weight of the books inevitable broke it down. This is 's fault for putting it in a box too big for the case. One of the books bindings (thankfully not all of them) has begun to break, so the cover of the book is falling off already and I haven't even begun reading it. Lots of care must be put in the books if you don't want them breaking. DON'T buy this product for kids. I am extremely disappointed in this regard. I spent a lot of money for what seemed to be an excellent product but turned out to be a very bad one. I cannot replace it, however, because I live in South America and the process would be horrifyingly long and dull. Then again, I would probably get the same result. The book itself, as in, the stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle are beautiful. I've always loved them. I would recommend it, although from a different publisher, to anyone who wants an enjoyable, light read and/or detective stories in general.

Great bookset, the pictures don't do it justice. I was dubious when I bought it, now I'm absolutely certain it was the right choice. The bookset contains every book on Sherlock by Doyle and is really beautiful. Hardcover, good paper, nice decorations. If you want to start reading Sherlock for the first time or want to have the collection, this is definitely the way to go.

I first became a fan of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Holmes stories when I was only about 11 or 12 years of age and that was a very long time ago indeed. Since then I have seen and heard literally hundreds of adaptations of these classic tales over the years and when it comes to audio dramatizations this set from the BBC is by far the best I've ever listened to. Back in 1989 the BBC undertook the enormous task of adapting all of the original Holmes stories and novels into radio

plays. Enlisting the talents of actors Clive Merrison as Holmes and Michael Williams as Watson as well as the very talented writer and producer of radio dramas Mr. Bert Coules everything seemed to fall into perfect place for this series. The writing, acting, music and sound effects are all top notch and the listener is immediately transported to Victorian England. Whether it be foggy London, the mean streets of the Limehouse district to the moors of Devonshire this series takes you there. All too often actors playing Holmes take the lazy route and simply think that by adopting the commonly conceived caricature of Holmes as nothing more than a pipe smoking detective rattling off a few brilliant deductions with a smug air is all there is to a Holmes portrayal. Fortunately Merrison (who also looks a lot like Sidney Paget's original illustrations of Holmes) is not that kind of actor. It's obvious he takes the role seriously and he brilliantly conveys all the many facets of Holmes' character. Merrison's Holmes is not just a caricature he's arrogant, petulant, eccentric, melodramatic, ruthless, compassionate and a loyal friend to Watson. He's everything Doyle tells us Holmes is and more. But most important of all Merrison succeeds in making Holmes a living, breathing human being. He captures all the weaknesses and strengths of Holmes' character. Something many Holmes actors fail to do. Michael Williams as Watson is another major success with this series. Williams (who sadly died of cancer shortly upon completion of the series and who was also husband to Dame Judi Dench) makes for one of the best of all Watson's. His is no bumbling idiot in the tradition of Nigel Bruce but instead is the intelligent and stalwart doctor that Doyle describes to us. Williams makes his Watson as both the perfect foil to Holmes' often acerbic personality and the buffer between us and the often inhuman, coldly efficient Holmes. As I mentioned earlier the technical aspects for this series are some of the finest I've ever heard for a Holmes audio production and this goes a long way towards drawing the listener in and making them believe it really is 1895. Also the series had a fine roster of guest actors as well. Here are just a few: Ralph Bates, Brian Blessed, Tom Baker, Denis Quilley, Desmond Llewellyn, Judi Dench and many others. This set contains 64 CD's and comprise all of the original Conan Doyle Holmes canon. Each of the short stories runs about 40-45 minutes and the novel adaptations are about 80-85 minutes in length. All in all you get 48+ hours of some of the finest mystery stories in the English language superbly realized in audio drama format. In short I cannot recommend this set of CD's enough to Holmes fans. I know the cost is a bit steep but it is indeed worth every penny for anyone even remotely interested in Conan Doyle's immortal detective. Over the years I have listened to my audio tape set until they have nearly crumbled into dust so I am quite glad to have this set available at last on CD here in the U.S. One minor note of complaint I have is with how there is no consistency with the way some of the tracks are tagged. This will mean nothing to those of you who will listen to

these discs on your CD player but for those of you who plan to put them on your iPod will have to do a bit of re-labeling of the titles, etc. I wish that CD publishers could be a bit more consistent with their labeling. Anyway, as I said, this is a minor quibble and will in no way keep you from enjoying this truly outstanding audio drama series.

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