

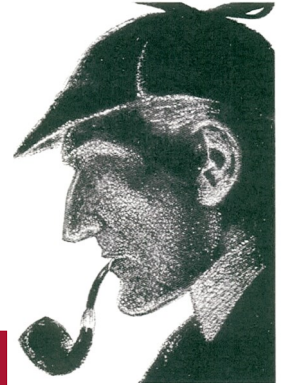


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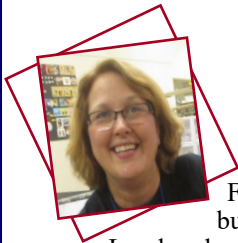
## Join The SOB's Next Zoom Meeting, Sunday, August 18, 2024!

12:00 (Noon) to 12:30 p.m. Pacific time

**Social Time!!**

12:30 p.m. Pacific time—Structured meeting  
with discussion & quizzing on **"SIXN"**

**Vice-President Kashena** will ably chair this meeting, at which time we'll study **"The Six Napoleons" (SIXN)**. An added treat will be a **presentation by Texas SOB Tim Kline** titled **"Playing the Game: Sherlock was never so much fun!"**—a review of games that are played around the world.



## Says Program Chair Sunny Even

Given the historic animosity between Britain and France, I continue to be mystified over the (at least) six busts of Napoleon Bonaparte, scattered throughout Greater London drawing rooms as casual décor items. Granted, Victorians liked their clutter, but why Napoleon, The Great Tyrant of the Georgian Era? Was he generally admired in Sherlock Holmes' time? Was he now a rehabilitated symbol for Republicanism, or some in-your-face Tory vs. Whig statement for visitors, like a red MAGA hat on one's coat hook?

Other than the brief Anglo-French alliance during the Crimean War, England and France maintained a strained relationship throughout the era, characterized by mutual mistrust and rivalry, against a backdrop of rising militarism and imperialism. At its root, Britain's priorities to naval dominance and the Indian Empire were frequently at odds with French priorities in Northern Africa and the Mediterranean.

The British public in the 1850's continued to be wary of Napoleon III's imperial legacy. Francophobia reached a peak when an invasion scare struck fear in the hearts of Parliament, the press, and a nervous public, and led to a revival of the Volunteer movement, which had begun during the Revolutionary Wars to train Englishmen in the event of a French invasion. Mutual mistrust between the politicians of Victorian Britain and Second Empire was evident in Britain's refusal to help Napoleon III's support of the Polish Revolution in 1863. In return British pleas for help in supporting Denmark during the Schleswig-Holstein affair a year later, met with French indifference. Gladstone refused to come to France's aid against Prussia in 1870, despite the fact Otto von Bismark's Germany had already begun to threaten British security as well. British neutrality in this case led to the second German Reich and loss of Alsace Lorraine to the German Empire. France renewed her efforts to establish influence in Northern Africa, specifically by support-

## Story & Meeting Content for 2024 SOB Meetings

*We continue on the theme, "The European Situation" this month with SIXN (GLOR, SIXN, SECO)*

August 18 The Six Napoleons  
via Zoom + a presentation  
by SOB Tim Kline

September 15 The Second Stain  
In-person meeting, with  
SOB Margie Deck chairing

*We move forward in our New 5-year Cycle—on the theme, "The State of Royalty and Aristocracy" (ILLU & BERY)*

October 20 The Illustrious Client  
via Zoom, a quiz from brilliant SOB  
Naching!

November 17 The Beryl Coronet  
via Zoom

*We interrupt our Canonical study—returning as we do each year—to our visit to BLUE"*

December 15 The Blue Carbuncle  
In-person meeting

ing Egypt's debt crisis. However Disraeli's successful work to purchase the Suez Canal from Khedive Ismail, an engineering masterpiece largely funded, designed and built by French interests, ultimately let to France being ousted from power in Egypt.

The remainder of the 1880's saw the advance of African imperialism on the part of France, Britain and Germany, the so-called "Scramble for Africa," and an increased competition for military and commercial outposts. France aimed to consolidate imperial prestige following successful establishment of a protectorate in Tunisia by turning her eye toward Morocco. In response Sultan Moulay Hassan surrounded himself with British advisors in the hopes of fending off French aggression. In turn France attempted to establish a position through Sudan on the Upper Nile, expecting Britain to make concessions there, but Salisbury determined the Egyptian road to India was too

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important for concessions and sent troops. The press on both sides of the Channel added to the general hostility. It was about this time that the term “jingoistic journalism” was first used.

Meanwhile French buildup of naval armament alarmed the Royal Admiralty over a potential Franco-Russian alliance in the Mediterranean, which hastened the naval buildups in Britain and Germany. In the long run, this dynamic posturing of the Foreign Office’s policies over multiple decades and administrations certainly provided Britain with a great deal of diplomatic flexibility, but it did little to improve peaceful relations with France and other European countries. Fortunately, the turn of the century saw the advent of two talented diplomats (the Marquis of Lansdowne and the French Ambassador Paul Cambon) whose negotiations would lead to the Entente Cordiale of 1904, a treaty that resolved and ended Britain and France’s imperial rivalries. Given that “The Adventure of the Six Napoleons” was published in 1904, the prominence of this distinctly French element in his story was perhaps Conan Doyle’s nod to this new friendship with an old and honored adversary.

## Sherlockian Spinoff Play to be Shown in Federal Way Next Year

By Margaret Nelson

According to <https://www.dramaticpublishing.com/miss-holmes>, a summary of “Miss Holmes” reads “When an anonymous note sends a newlywed wife looking for help, Miss Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Dorothy Watson work together to uncover the secrets surrounding a corrupt police inspector whose wives have a habit of turning up dead. But this Holmes and Watson face far greater challenges than bringing the cunning criminal to justice. Miss Holmes possesses one of the greatest deductive minds of her generation, but she chafes at the restraints imposed upon her by society and family. Dr. Watson struggles to make a difference at the only hospital in London that will hire female doctors. In a time and place where gender roles are rigidly defined, these unconventional women dare to challenge societal norms by providing an unusual, but necessary, service. Inspired by the works of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, this theatrical fan fiction shines a new light on favorite characters from the canon, re-examining the Victorian world of Holmes and Watson by exploring the added obstacles faced by these two iconic characters if they were women.”



Centerstage Theatre in Federal Way, WA will present “Miss Holmes” from January 31 to February 23, 2025. Season tickets are on sale now; individual tickets will be sold soon. Maybe the SOBs can go the same day?

## Can’t Wait That Long? VP Kashena is Arranging a Group Outing to See Miss Holmes at the Center Theatre in Seattle!

Kashena writes: “Shannon and I are putting together a group of people who would like to see [Miss Holmes](#) at the TPS Center Theatre in Seattle Center on **Sunday, August 25th, at 2pm**.

Description:

*Sherlock Holmes is hot on the trail of a murderer, but there are many obstacles in HER way: her brother Mycroft’s interference, corrupt cops, and a society that doesn’t understand that a woman’s proper place is in–vestigation! Teaming up with her new friend, Dr. Dorothy Watson, Sherlock chases her quarry through the back alleys of London, the halls of Bedlam, and the unexpected confines of the Royal Free Hospital. The game is afoot! It’s her move! This thrilling murder mystery is a cunning, gender-bent take on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s iconic detective.*

It is their closing matinee, and the SOBs will sponsor up to \$20/ticket (50%). Attendees would owe \$18, which will go back to the Club. Please let me know if you would like to come **no later than Sunday, August 18th** (our meeting day!) and I will purchase tickets for the group. **Reach out to Kashena directly by email at [VP@soundofthebaskervilles.com](mailto:VP@soundofthebaskervilles.com)!**

**What:** A play, “Miss Holmes”

**When:** 2pm on Sunday, August 25th

**Where:** Center Theatre, 1st floor of the Armory at Seattle Center ([305 Harrison St, Seattle, WA, 98109](#))

Hope to see you there!

Warmly,

Kashena”

## Romnes Rhyming!

*From the unofficial Hound of the Sound, James's dog Moselle!*

### "The World of Holmes"

The Empire flexed in Kipling  
A Sandow muscles rippling,  
No one needed to explain  
The grip was firm and humane.



### "Sherlock's Folks"

Uncommon couple,  
Country squire never at desk,  
She of French descent,  
Mr. Tweed meet arabesque.

## A Quiz on SIXN by: SOB Charlie Cook

1. What detective brought the smashing of busts of Napoleon to Holmes' attention?
2. Where was the first destroyed bust found?
3. Where were the second and third statues broken?
4. Holmes reminded Watson of what classic case having the least promising commencement?
5. What was it that brought that case to Holmes' attention?
6. From whose home was bust number four taken?
7. Name the Italian piece-worker who left the shop of Morse Hudson?
8. Where had the busts originated?
9. Who was the murdered man found on the doorstep of the owner of bust number four?
10. What did Watson say was Holmes' favorite weapon?
11. Name the owners of bust numbers five and six!
12. What case did Holmes turn to upon completion of the Six Napoleon's case?

## Answers on Page 8



## SOB Kris Hambrick's Sherlock on Screen: The Six Napoleons



The number of adaptations is not necessarily a sign of how good a Sherlock Holmes story is, but it's definitely something one should take notice of. This one, while not measuring up to *Milverton* or *Hound* in terms of outings, certainly gets some sort of award for variety. Not only is it assayed by Norwood, Rathbone (twice?), Wilmer, Brett, Cumberbatch, Miller, and the unfrozen 22<sup>nd</sup> century Holmes, but the basic plot itself shows up in other works, such as an episode of the old George Reeves "Superman" show.

The truth is, it's a versatile plot trick that must be fairly compelling to use or Universal films wouldn't have done it twice. You have six of something, the thing you're looking for is in one, and it's a race to figure out what's been hidden and who wants it. So, it's little wonder it's got a wide representation among Holmes programs old and new.

But aside from that, I want to point out that the Granada telling of this adventure is notable as being, in my opinion, one of the standout episodes of the whole series. While Brett was indeed beginning to suffer the effects of ill-health, it is not obvious here, and indeed some of his own energy and spirit is translated into a lovely sort of humorous camaraderie with Watson that isn't always visible in these stories. In addition, the adaptation fleshes out the Italian immigrant backstory, to the extent that six minutes pass before more than a few words of English is even heard and no translation is given or needed to understand the setup. In a way, the untranslated dialogue actually humanizes the struggle of characters who are, in the original story, mere ciphers. (And one, Lucretia, is played by Marina Sirtis prior to her *Star Trek: The Next Generation* fame.) It's also got a large part for the man who is still my favorite Lestrade, Colin Jeavons.

Most of the other versions of this tale take the basic premise of the six things hiding one important thing and ditch the rest, but pound for pound the Jeremy Brett episode is both faithful to the original and a good representation of what this show can do when it's doing things right.

*(Sherlockians with sharp memories will note that this article has been reprinted from our 2022 issue! Thank you, Kris, for allowing us to feature your piece again for our latest discussion of SIXN.)*





## The Six-Thirteen From Fairfield Junction and Other Cases of Sherlock Holmes by Denis O. Smith: A Review

By: SOB Charlie Cook aka Café Noir

Here are five new cleverly crafted tales from the prolific Mr. Smith.

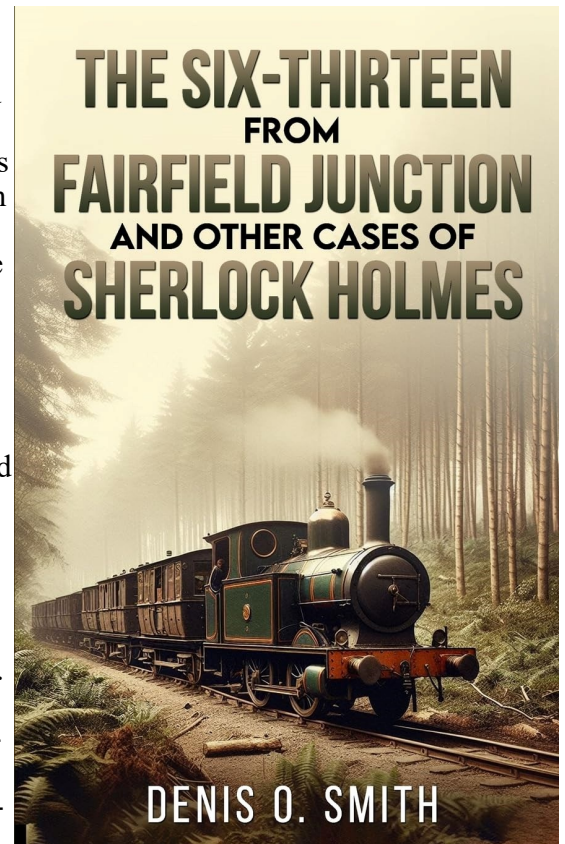
The first being that of the collection's title. Watson is reminded of the relatively famous century old case of the brigantine, *Marie Celeste*, floundering at sea with no captain, crew or passengers. This time it's the title's choo-choo, a small rural slow-moving train which pulls into the station sans motorman, fireman, conductor or passengers. The locals suspect it's the work of the area's boogeyman, The Old Man in the Woods, but the local constable believes that only Sherlock Holmes could solve such a riddle. Of course, he is correct.

The second tale, "The Hungarian Doctor", finds Dr. Kazinczy at 221B Baker Street informing the two residents of a visit by a somewhat menacing man who needs a discreet medico to attend to an important individual who is in great pain. Dr. Z is taken in an enclosed Hansom to a secret hideaway where he treats a man, referred to as "His Excellency", whose head is all wrapped in dirty rags and determines that surgery will be needed. He is warned in a threatening manner that secrecy is essential or a group called the League of the Golden Ribbon would kill them all. But the doc feels he needs the advice of Holmes. It is agreed that Watson will assist in the surgery. Meanwhile our favorite sleuth decides to do his own investigation and discovers who these people are and the real identity of the bandaged patient.

Next comes "The Von Strauffhausen Papers". The Prime Minister has given some German trade papers to one of the most honest and respected member of the British government, Lord Woolmer, to read and evaluate. But the papers disappear with evidence that Woolmer was responsible. Whether it is treason or carelessness the Lord's reputation will be ruined. Holmes is determined to clear the man's name and uses a bit of skullduggery to accomplish the task.

The fourth entry is "The Silver Buckle". Holmes is exhausted from overwork so the good doctor takes him to a small fishing village on the northwest coast of Scotland. Other guests at their hotel consist of a few who came for the fishing, one to paint and a few who just want to explore the area. A semi-recluse has a small museum on a nearby tiny island. Shortly after a man and his son visit the museum they are accused of stealing a priceless heirloom, the bobble of the title. Watson has befriended them and refuses to believe that they are guilty. Up pops you know who and proves that Watson was not wrong.

Finally we have "The Broken Glass". As he has done in some of the other tales, Watson informs the reader of many of Sherlock Holmes's cases which have never seen print. This time he's selected what he titled The Blackwell Lane Mystery. A better title would be The Amateur Mendicant Society as a member of that group of 27 was found dead of a suspected heart attack. But the attending doctor suspected something else. All of the members used one glass at their club for drinks after doing a begging contest that they participated in, but Holmes, whose help was requested by Athelney Jones of the Yard, found a 28<sup>th</sup> broken glass reeking of bitter almonds. Then with his nose and the help of Doctor Watson he unearthed the poisoner.



## THE GAME'S AFOOT -- A LOOK AT SHERLOCKIAN GAMES

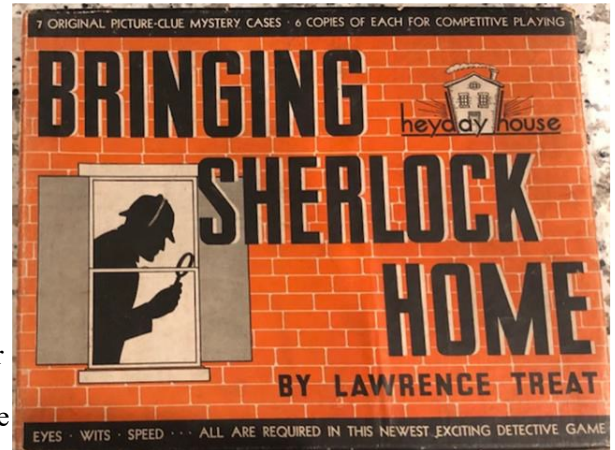
By: Tim Kline, Deckmate of the Barque of the Lone Star  
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Bringing Sherlock Home is a chance for you to be your own Sherlock by observation and deduction.

Given a crime scene picture and short explanation an answer must be derived at logically and a winner who is challenged to give a reason and fails to give a proper one gets the dunce cap.

The first person to answer all the questions correctly and logically is Sherlock himself, entitled to wear the deerstalker and say, "Elementary, Watson."

This game was printed in 1935 by Lawrence Treat who was a pioneering police procedural writer and a founding member of the Mystery Writers of America. He was a lawyer and had a 70 year career writing hundreds of short stories for magazines and publishing houses. He is also known for his Crime And Puzzlement game books of the late 1980's.



## Entertainment Resources for Younger Sherlockians: Comics, Books, & Graphic Novels

By: Beth Gallego, previously printed in Sherlock's Spotlight, Vol 5. Issue 2

### *The Great Puptective*

Written and Illustrated by Alina Tysoe

Published by Simon & Schuster

Recommended for: ages 6-9 (grades 1-4)

As the only pet in the house, Truffles is happy to play with his toys and find sunny spots to take a nap. The house is quiet, and life is good for a cat.

Everything changes when Sasha (the human) brings home a strange box. It bounces. It rattles. And then it opens, and out leaps Poppy the Puptective.

Poppy is a high-energy three-month-old puppy, and she is here to solve the mystery! What mystery? Good question. Another good question: what is a mystery, anyway?

With a deerstalker cap perched on her head and a magnifying glass tucked in her paw, she is ready to gather clues and answer these questions. She tracks pawprints to find her first crime scene - someone broke Sasha's flowerpot. Who could have done it? Where did they go?

Truffles wants nothing to do with this noisy creature, but none of his attempts to distract her (or get her in trouble) work. Perhaps a great pupctective needs a supervillain to confront. Introducing: the Blanket Bandit! Will Poppy be able to catch and unmask him? Or will he find a way to get rid of her once and for all?

An adorable pair of antagonists, Poppy and Truffles will delight young readers. In a bonus section, readers will learn more about each of them as well as how to draw them. Watch for their continuing adventures in *The Great Puptective: Purrnormal Activity*.



## Things to See, Buy, Do and Know

### ⇒ From Holly Hunter:

- If you're in the market for an authentic **Sherlockian deerstalker**, there is one available from Harris Tweed. Available in a range of sizes, the hat is carefully made, authenticated, and thoroughly checked. You can find it here: <https://harristweedscotland.co.uk/product/harris-tweed-sherlock-deerstalker-hat>
- **Our very own Roger Johnson** has been interviewed by Rob Nunn for his Interesting Interviews series. You can find it here: <https://interestingthoughelementary.blogspot.com/2024/06/interesting-interview-roger-johnson.html>

### ⇒ PFL David notes these items:

- **Young Sherlock:** **Colin Firth** has joined the cast of Guy Ritchie's **Young Sherlock** series. The cast of Young Sherlock also includes **Hero Fiennes Tiffin** as Sherlock Holmes, **Zine Tseng** Princess Gulun Shou'an, **Joseph Fiennes** as Sherlock's father, and **Natascha McElhone** as Sherlock's mother.
- **8 Sherlock Holmes actors ranked from worst to best:** I bet you won't guess No. 1! [8 Sherlock Holmes actors ranked from worst to best \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com/en-us/movies/news/8-sherlock-holmes-actors-ranked-from-worst-to-best)
- **Every Sherlock Holmes Movie & TV Show In Development:**
  - ◇ Two *Sherlock Holmes* TV shows are in development at HBO, with Robert Downey Jr. involved.
  - ◇ Millie Bobby Brown will likely return for *Enola Holmes 3*.
  - ◇ A new CW TV show, *Sherlock & Daughter*, is also in development, starring David Thewlis.
  - ◇ Watson is a medical procedural series about John Watson, who will be played by Morris Chestnut centering around medical mysteries.
  - ◇ Young Sherlock
- **Read more at:** [https://screenrant.com/sherlock-holmes-upcoming-movies-shows/?utm\\_source=syndication](https://screenrant.com/sherlock-holmes-upcoming-movies-shows/?utm_source=syndication)
- Bookings are open for the Portsmouth Arthur Conan Doyle Collection's **Worldwide Doyle Lecture Series for 2024**. All the talks will be via Zoom, so anyone can attend. You can find information about all of the lectures and booking links by going to: <https://www.visitportsmouth.co.uk/conan-doyle/our-work/worldwide-doyle-2024>

- **10 Famous TV Characters Inspired by Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes:** Like Shawn Spencer (Psych). [10 Famous TV Characters Inspired by Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes \(screenrant.com\)](https://www.screenrant.com/10-famous-tv-characters-inspired-by-arthur-conan-doyle-s-sherlock-holmes/)
- **The Criminal World Of Sherlock Holmes - Volume Three, PB, \$24.95:** In this third collection of essays and investigations into 'The Criminal World of Sherlock Holmes,' Kelvin I. Jones shows just why the Holmes stories were so convincingly original. He reveals that Conan Doyle was an expert in the subject of criminalistics... The book provides a wide survey of the criminals of the period, including accounts of its vicious garroters, cunning coiners and safe breakers... This last volume is unique in its depth of research, providing the reader with a fascinating insight into the dark shadow world of Victorian society, and featuring long forgotten accounts of its methods, murders and bloody mayhem.
- "Oscar-winning actor Brendan Fraser has signed on to play Supreme Allied Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower in a new World War II movie called *Pressure*. Fraser -- from *The Whale* and *The Mummy* franchise -- [will co-star](https://www.msn.com/en-us/movies/news/brendan-fraser-to-play-eisenhower-in-d-day-movie-pressure/ar-BB1qu0Ob?ocid=BingNewsSerp) with Andrew Scott in the D-Day film, which takes place in 1944. *Ripley* and *Sherlock* alum Scott [will play](https://www.msn.com/en-us/movies/news/brendan-fraser-to-play-eisenhower-in-d-day-movie-pressure/ar-BB1qu0Ob?ocid=BingNewsSerp) James Stagg, the Allies' chief meteorologist, who played a pivotal role in the mission. Filming is [set to begin](https://www.msn.com/en-us/movies/news/brendan-fraser-to-play-eisenhower-in-d-day-movie-pressure/ar-BB1qu0Ob?ocid=BingNewsSerp) in the United Kingdom this fall." <https://www.msn.com/en-us/movies/news/brendan-fraser-to-play-eisenhower-in-d-day-movie-pressure/ar-BB1qu0Ob?ocid=BingNewsSerp>

### ⇒ From Peter Blau's newsletter, *Scuttlebutt from the Spermaceti Press*:

**Enola Holmes joining Madame Tussauds is 'huge achievement':** Millie Bobby Brown said her character Enola Holmes being immortalized at Madame Tussauds is a "big step" for young women in the industry. The British actress, who plays detective Sherlock Holmes' sister in the spin-off film franchise, surprised a group of fans at the unofficial unveiling of the wax figure at the Baker Street tourist attraction in London. <https://www.msn.com/en-us/movies/news/millie-bobby-brown-enola-holmes-joining-madame-tussauds-is-huge-achievement/ar-BB1oqR5y?ocid=BingNewsVerp>



- Howard Ostrom has reported that 6,000 people follow his “**Sherlock Holmes on Screens**” group at **Facebook** (which covers stage, screen, radio, television, and the Internet) [www.facebook.com/groups/sherlockholmesonscreens](http://www.facebook.com/groups/sherlockholmesonscreens) ; it’s a lively group indeed.
- **Sherlock Is a Girl's Name**, PB, by Narrelle M Harris (Editor), Atlin Merrick (Editor), \$21.99: What would the great detective be like if Sherlock Holmes was a woman? In the tall tales of *Sherlock is a Girl's Name* we answer this question, following Sherlock into deep space, 1990s Russia, Victorian London, contemporary USA, worlds of magic, and more. Holmes' Watsons include ghosts, robots, a teenage tuba player, a little boy, with the detecting duo doing what they do best: solving crimes and having adventures!
- You can also see a Canonical manuscript in Washington (a fine excuse for a visit to the nation’s capital): the Folger Shakespeare Library reopened on June 21, and there’s a temporary exhibition of literary treasures from the Stuart and Mimi Rose Collection on display, **one of them the manuscript of “The Valley of Fear”**. The exhibition will end on Jan. 5.
- Scott Monty and Burt Wolder’s “**I Hear of Sherlock Everywhere**” podcast is now 17 years old, and well deserves their boast that it’s the oldest Sherlock Holmes podcast. You can listen to them celebrate the anniversary <https://www.ihearofsherlock.com/> One of the nicest things about the podcast is their archive of all the previous episodes.
- Karen Ellery, who presides over **the Tea Brokers of Mincing Lane** (a society for Sherlockian lover of tea and tisanes), reports the society’s official T-shirt [http://www.zazzle.com/tea\\_at\\_once\\_t\\_shirt\\_256003383475187607](http://www.zazzle.com/tea_at_once_t_shirt_256003383475187607) , available for \$22.95 with imaginative artwork by Sidney Paget. The reason why the artwork’s imaginative is that Paget never showed Sherlock Holmes drinking tea: the original of his illustration of Holmes with cigar and cigar case (from “The Resident Patient”) has been carefully altered to show him with a teacup and saucer.
- Christie & Co. have announced that **the Brambletye Hotel in Forest Row (in Sussex) is for sale**. Holmes and Watson stayed at the Brambletye, presumably in one of its 19 rooms, and there’s an aptly named Two Two One Restaurant (alas: Black Peter’s Bar & Restaurant now seems to be closed). The hotel also has a Moriarty Boardroom, a Sherlock Holmes Suite, and a Dr. Watson Lounge, all available for £1.5 million.

## Entertainment Resources for Younger Sherlockians, by Beth Gallego

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### Trashed!

Written by Martha Freeman  
Published by Simon & Schuster

Recommended for: ages 8-12  
(Grades 3-7)

Arthur Popper’s family owns Universal Trash, a second-hand store his grandparents opened in Boulder, Colorado. At age 11, Arthur and his friend Veda regularly help out in the store, so he is very familiar with the merchandise. That’s why he is surprised to find a single chipped teacup in the Fine China section, where full sets of matched pieces are displayed. Grandpa recognizes the teacup; it was one of the first items he and Grandma tried to sell decades ago, but it was stolen. After all these years, it seems the thief decided to return it. The reappearing teacup is not even the biggest surprise of Arthur’s week, though. He is also surprised to find himself planning a funeral for his little sister’s mouse. And he is really surprised when the ghost of Ramona’s mouse turns up in his bedroom and starts talking to him.

As a mystery fan, Arthur is ready to take on the mystery of the teacup. He renames the ghost mouse, formerly known as Mouse 4, after Sherlock Holmes’s friend, Dr. Watson. Like her namesake, Watson is ready to listen and ask questions that prompt new ideas in the investigation. Arthur is happy for the help when he stumbles onto another local crime, one only he seems to have noticed. He has never thought of himself as especially brave or adventurous, but he will have to be in order to bring a criminal to justice. In addition to solving crime, Arthur is also dealing with challenges relating to school, friends, and his little sister, all issues familiar to readers. Middle-graders will enjoy this contemporary mystery with a paranormal twist.





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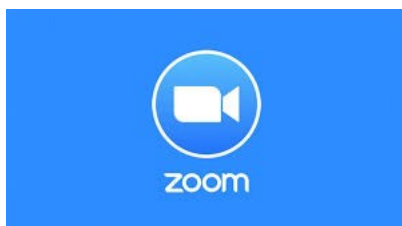
*Doors to the Meeting Room, which is on the lower level,  
open at Noon. The meeting will start at 12:30 p.m. and end  
by 4 p.m.*

*Your contribution to the snacks table  
will be most appreciated!*

**Getting there:** From north- or southbound I-5, exit at Mercer Street and head west. Turn right on Queen Anne Avenue and head up the hill. At the 3-way stop sign at the top, turn left onto West Galer Street. At 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, turn right. The library is one (1) block north on the northwest corner, at the cross with Garfield Street.

**However, our August, October, and November meetings will all be held via Zoom!**

In order to assure that you are able to join the meeting easily, make sure that you have the most recent version of Zoom installed, and test your camera and microphone! Keep an eye out for the email with the meeting link, day-of.



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*Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of each month. Location of the meetings may vary. Regularly scheduled additional events throughout the year include: "The Master's Dinner" celebrating Holmes' birthday (January), "The Annual Wreath Throw" commemorating Holmes' loss at Reichenbach Falls (May), "The Dr. John H. Watson Picnic" (July), and "The Will Crakes Memorial Jollification" (December). Other activities—book crawls, teas, plays and gaming events—are as announced.*

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## Answers To Cook's Quiz on Page 3: "The Six Napoleons"

Answers

1. Lestrade.
2. The shop of Morse Hudson.
3. Second: Dr. Barnicot's home; Third: Dr. Barnicot's surgery.
4. The dreadful business of the Abernethy family.
5. The depth to which the parsley had sunk into the butter upon a hot day.
6. Horace Harker.
7. Beppo.
8. Gelder & Co. of Stepney.
9. Pietro Venucci.
10. A loaded hunting crop.
11. Five: Josiah Brown; Six: Mr. Sandeford.
12. The Conk-Singleton forgery case.

**We hope you will join our group  
outing to see Miss Sherlock at the  
Center Theatre on Sunday, August  
25th at 2:00pm!  
Reach out to VP Kashena by August  
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