

I Always Feel Like Somebody's Watching Me: The World of Sherlock Holmes Statues

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When I was a boy, we had forty five statues of saints in my house. Ever have ninety eyes looking at you every time you have to go to the bathroom? Pat Cooper.

Starting out I don't know if we will reach 45 statues, but I do know that, be it Bronze, Wood, Granite, Glass, Wax, Sand, Ice, Sticks and even Living statues... Sherlock Holmes is represented in every sculpting medium, from everywhere around the world. Here is a look at the many we know of (with a bit of silliness included), and we hope you the reader will inform us of the many more we have missed.

We begin our journey with a statue of Sherlock Holmes, The 1999 statue by the sculptor John Doubleday, which is probably John Doubleday's most well-known sculpture, but not the only one of his we will be mentioning. It stands near the supposed site of 221B Baker Street, the fictional detective's address in London, located outside of the Baker Street Station on Marylebone Road. It is a good starting place since every Sherlockian who has visited Baker Street has probably seen it while exiting the underground, or passing by on a double decker tour bus, and surely has taken pictures of it.



Sherlock Holmes - The Great Detective Statue - London



Outside Baker Street tube station on Marylebone Road



Still keeping an eye on the old neighborhood!

Let us next see how many more Sherlock Holmes statues that follow you've observed or heard of.

London's first public sculpture of Sherlock Holmes, and Moriarty, was part of a sculpted frieze by Gilbert Bayes on the facade of the former Saville Theatre on Shaftesbury Avenue. The Saville Theatre opened in 1931, and its frieze representing 'Drama Through the Ages' remains today, although the theatre was renamed the Odeon, Covent Garden. There does seem to be some debate however as to which Sherlock Holmes actor is depicted by the sculpture. Some claim it's William Gillette, others such as Roger Johnson in his 2010 Christmas picture below suggests H. A. Saintsbury, while still a third possibly exists in Todd Slaughter. Given the fact Slaughter was a very popular Holmes in London theatre for the time frame of the construction, appearing on stage as Holmes in "The Speckled Band" (1923,1925), "Sherlock Holmes" (1925), and "Return of Sherlock Holmes" (1928), he also must be considered a valid candidate. Who do you think this Holmes depiction was modeled after, Gillette, Saintsbury, or Slaughter?



Saville Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue WC2 (now Odeon, Covent Garden)



Roger Johnson 2010 Xmas Card

The Sherlock Holmes statue in Picardy Place, Edinburgh, Scotland, by sculptor Gerald Laing, was dedicated in 1991, to honor the birthplace of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.



Sherlock Holmes statue - Edinburgh, Scotland



Sherlock Holmes getting a spruce-up from David Wright at Powderhall Bronze. Sherlock ready to go back to Picardy Place.

The statue of a sitting Sherlock Holmes, outside the Sherlock Holmes Museum in Meiringen, Switzerland was sculpted by John Doubleday in time for the 1991 opening of the museum.



Sherlock Holmes statue - Meiringen, Switzerland



A quicker way to the Reichenbach Falls than a hansom cab

The granite 'Sherlock & Segar Statue' was dedicated on 7 December 2019, in Chester, Illinois, and can be observed there, both day and night. Sherlock's visage borrows the countenance of Elzie Segar, Popeye's creator, as a tribute to his compelling interest in 'The Detective'. Segar was one of the earliest Americans to promote the "Sherlockian" subculture and imagery, and he did so in his internationally syndicated cartoon series, "Thimble Theatre" (1919). Each donor has their Name/Inscription forever paired with one of the 'Adventures' penned by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, by a permanent etching on one of the 30 Pavers surrounding the Life Size monument to the Eternal Sleuth.



Sherlock & Segar Statue



Donor Name/Inscription Pavers

Alison Corbett aka Daniel Stashower's wife submitted this information to Peter Blau about her recent visit to Rozelle Park which surrounds the Rozelle House Museum and Galleries, Rozelle Estate, Monument Road, Ayr, Scotland. "There's a lovely park (Rozelle) in my hometown of Ayr. On the one sunny day when I was over in early January, I took a walk there with my Aunt. There is a display of statues made of twigs dotted around the park. They give children a map to find them. We couldn't find the Sherlock Holmes one on the day - I think we were In the wrong part - but my aunt has since sent me a photo."



Auntie's Photo



The Story Stroll Map

“South Ayrshire Council is delighted to unveil the final event in Once Upon a Time in South Ayrshire - Story Stroll. Story Stroll is running as part of a program of events supported by EventScotland as part of the Year of Stories 2022. Rozelle Park has been transformed into a playground for well-loved storybook characters, most of whom are drawn from Scotland's rich literary heritage. Follow the family-friendly self-led trail around Rozelle Park to find 11 spectacular willow sculptures specially created by local artist David Powell. These include J.M. Barrie's classic characters and arch rivals Captain Hook and Peter Pan; the Sorting Hat from Harry Potter; Rupert Bear; Robert Louis Stevenson's Long John Silver; Mairi Hedderwick's young adventurer Katie Morag; Beatrix Potter's Squirrel Nutkin and Peter Rabbit; Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes; beloved Scottish ogre Shrek and the intrepid Stick Man. The trail is free for everyone and can be enjoyed in any order, as one complete trail or in smaller parts. The trail will be extended in 2023 to Troon, Prestwick, Maybole and Girvan.”¹ Children can find out a little more information on how the character links to Scotland's Year of Stories, by scanning the QR code on the information board located at each character. They are wonderful works, but I wonder how long stick statues last?



Holmes and Watson



Captain Hook

"The family enjoyed a nice wander round the story stroll at Rozelle Park, Ayr," says Katie Watson. "Various wicker figures are dotted round the park and here is Sherlock Holmes inspecting my son, Taylan."

¹ <https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article/58676/Story-Stroll-Your-Way-Around-Rozelle-Park-This-Winter>

Credit Russian Sherlockian Alexander Shaburov for these photos and the following information. In 1991, they declared that it would be nice to have a monument to Sherlock Holmes in Yekaterinburg. In the photo there are busts of Holmes and Watson made by Alexander Shaburov, with a clip from the newspaper about them. The statuettes, the Watson Prize for Translators, also 1991, were sculpted by Elena Pavlova. Also attached is a photo of a Moscow's 'The World of Sherlock Holmes Statues' being taken out of the workshop (2006).



Artist Alexander Shaburov



Artist Elena Pavlova



From Workshop to Moscow

Vasily Livanov and Vitaly Solomin were immortalized as Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson as a bronze statue, near the British embassy in Moscow, Russia. Sculptor Andrey Orlov, dedicated it in 2007. Vasily Livanov noted, if you sit next to the doctor and hold on to his notebook, all problems and doubts will be resolved. But if you touch the pipe of the famous detective, your worries will noticeably increase. On my visit, Raisa and I put coins in Dr. Watson's book for good luck!



Moscow



Vasily Livanov



Alexander Orlov, Raisa Osipova, Danhill Dubshin and Myself

Did you know there exists a brass statue of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in the city of Yekaterinburg (Ural), Russia? This sculpture was installed inside the new shopping-entertainment center "Greenwich" there. Thus, since 2017 in Russia there are two Sherlock Holmes monuments, and both have a resemblance to actors Vasily Livanov (who played the great detective on Soviet TV in 1980s) and Vitaly Solomin (his Dr. Watson).. The writing on the book that Sherlock Holmes is holding translates to "Sculptor Igor Akimov".



Holmes and Watson in Yekaterinburg, Russia



Alexander Sedov



Sculptor Igor Akimov

The Sherlock Art Hotel at Mazā Monētu 3 Riga, Latvia is a Victorian style accommodation gem in the heart of Old Riga. It features an incredible Sherlock Holmes statue with a pipe in one hand and gun in the other protruding from its wall. The people of Riga dress as characters from Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories and gather to celebrate the birthday of Sherlock Holmes every January 6th. Jauniela (New Street) in Riga is charming Latvian lane which doubled as Baker Street on Russia's version of Sherlock Holmes (1979-1986), starring Vasily Livanov and Vitaly Solomin.



Sherlock Art Hotel - Riga, Latvia



**Baker street from Russian Lenfilm Sherlock Holmes films
(In reality, Jauniela Street in Riga)**

Ken Nobuhara (1892-1977), lived in Oiwake, Japan, translated nearly all of Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes works into Japanese. This statue of Sherlock Holmes in the woods of Oiwake was dedicated to him. It is located in Oiwake Kanazuka Park, Karuizawa Town, Kitasaku District, Nagano Prefecture.



Bring your compass to find this one...



Oiwake Kanazuka Park, Japan

England House in Kitano-Cho district, Kobe, Kansai, Japan. This house includes an exhibition of a Daimler limousine, the same model once used by British royalty, and a reproduction of a London underground platform, and a statue of Sherlock Holmes in the garden. In addition, there is also a reproduction of famed detective Sherlock Holmes' room. You can dress up in Holmes' clothing and take photos anywhere in the building. The facility operates as an English pub after regular hours.



England House, Kobe, Japan

Sherlockian Yuichi Hirayama, BSI ('The Japanese Vase'), is a dentist in Japan. He is the founder of the scion 'The Men with the Twisted Konjo', and the editor of an international Sherlockian magazine The Shoso-in Bulletin. He received the Irregular Shilling in 1993. Yuichi created his own 'Sherlock Holmes' statue, which can be spotted peering out his library window. He created it by himself, based on the 221B wax statue in the Canon. We quickly note that there is more than one recreation of the sitting-room, for example at the Sherlock Holmes Museum in Meiringen, another at the Sherlock Holmes Museum in Lucens, and another at the Holiday Inn on Union Square in San Francisco (now in storage), presumably all with busts from the Empty House.



Created by Yuichi Hirayama



Holmes and Yuichi

Sherlock Holmes statue in Kharkiv, Ukraine. It is located near the building of the Scientific Research Forensic Center. The creative association "Territory of Sculpture" was created on the basis of the art workshop of the "Honored Artist of Ukraine" sculptor Alexander Ridny in 2005.



Inscription - "Making a silent crime scene talk"

Felix Dennis (1947–2014) was an English publisher, poet, spoken-word performer and philanthropist owned one of the largest private collections of original bronze sculptures. He maintained it in his “Garden of Heroes and Villains” in Dorsington on the outskirts of Stratford, England. The statue of most interest for us in his collection is titled ‘Arthur Conan Doyle (with the Shade of Sherlock Holmes)’. This statue comprised a seated Arthur Conan Doyle writing, with the figure of Holmes looming over him from behind, and is the only one of creator and creation together we ever seen. The sculpture was sculpted for Mr. Dennis in 2001, by Irena Sedlecká, a Czech sculptor and Fellow of the Royal British Society of Sculptors. Located in the Heart of England Forest, it is only opened to the public for a few days each year to raise funds for the charity that is planting, preserving, and protecting native broadleaf woodland in the heart of England. So if you plan on seeing it, you had better check for when it is open to the public, which isn’t often.



Arthur Conan Doyle (with the Shade of Sherlock Holmes)

The amazing Simon O'Rourke's tree carving 'Sherlock Holmes Bust'. "The Sherlock Holmes bust was for a private client who commissioned it as a gift. He's made from oak which means that although he is pale at the moment and has some yellow tones, in time he will get darker. The rings and markings will become black as it makes contact with rain, and the UV rays of the sun will cause the wood to pick up grayish hues. In combination with the natural darkening, it means that as he ages, the wood will become more reminiscent of the furniture and drawing room decor of the Sherlock's own era... Simon chose the Sidney Paget illustrations as his inspiration... The clues within the Sherlock Holmes Bust... 1. Stiletto dagger he used to pin correspondence to the mantle piece 2. Pince-nez glasses – The Golden Pince-nez 3. Honeycomb – His Last Bow 4. Broken crown – Musgrave ritual 5. Persian slipper he used for storing tobacco 6. Handgun 7. 221b plaque 8. Snake – The Speckled Band 9. Violin 10. Stick Men – The Adventure of the Dancing Men. simon@treecarving.co.uk"²



Simon O'Rourke's Sherlock Holmes Bust

² <https://www.treecarving.co.uk/the-case-of-the-sherlock-holmes-bust/>

“Although we have come to associate Sherlock Holmes with a large, curved meerschaum pipe, there is actually no reference to this in the original stories.



By choosing something simpler and less iconic, Simon has ensured the bust is faithful to the original illustrations rather than the images that evolved over time.”³



The Hidden Clues

³ <https://www.treecarving.co.uk/the-case-of-the-sherlock-holmes-bust/>

A statue of Sherlock Holmes along one of the streets in Munich, Germany. A detective agency called Münchner Detektive resides in this very same building.



Münchner Detektive Agency, Munich, Germany



This Sherlock is eyeing himself some Pizza and Ice Cream

A metal statue representing Sherlock Holmes, sculptor unknown, was spotted in Monschau, Germany, located in the Eifel, northwestern part of the Rhenish Slate Mountains. “We haven't found any information on this statue, except a paragraph in a touristic description of Monschau on TravelWorldOnline, which follows here in translation: What has Sherlock Holmes lost in Monschau? On the banks of the River Rur, where the Laufenbach flows in it, we encounter the mysterious metal figure of Sherlock Holmes. With the typical whistle in the mouth, the slider cap on the head and the long coat, the figure is hardly to be missed. In fact, the statue of Sherlock Holmes is reminiscent of an author from the Eifel region: Jacques Berndorf, once a freelance journalist, he began writing crime fiction in the 1980s, he researched his locations and stories accurately and reproduced them faithfully in his books. When Berndorf writes about a street in the Eifel with three lime trees, then this street really exists, and if one visits this street, one finds the described trees. How could it be otherwise: also Monschau appears in his Eifel crime fiction. Anyone who wants to know something about the Monschau region and the Eifel can do so in a very entertaining way by reading the Berndorf's Eifel crime fictions.”⁴ (submitted by Helena Machálková).



Metal Sherlock



Monschau, Germany

⁴ <https://vanderkrogt.net/statues/object.php?webpage=ST&record=denw574>

This fabulous life size bronze portrait "Sherlock Holmes" by Jane DeDecker was commissioned for placement at the entry where a time capsule was on display. The sculpture was placed to be investigating the time capsule (2015). The National Sculptors' Guild next moved the sculpture into the lobby of the new Edmond, Oklahoma, police station where it now resides.



Edmond, Oklahoma, Police Station



Jane DeDecker's Studio

At the Ice Palace of the Jungfrauoch, Switzerland, John Doubleday, during the 2012 SHSL pilgrimage, created a huge ice sculpture of Holmes, modeled after the statue of a sitting Sherlock Holmes, he had he sculpted in Meiringen.

Sherlock Holmes:

How 'bout Louise Mortimer? Did you get anywhere with her?

Dr. John Watson:

No.

Sherlock Holmes:

Too bad. Did you get any information?

Dr. John Watson:

Hm? You're being funny now?

Sherlock Holmes:

Thought it might break the ice... a bit.

Dr. John Watson:

Funny doesn't suit you. I'd stick to ice. ("Sherlock" 2010)



John Doubleday & Philip Porter pose by ice sculpture of Sherlock Holmes (1991)



John Doubleday sculpting sitting Sherlock Holmes Ice Statue (2012)



Ice Palace of the Jungfrauoch, Switzerland



Photos from (2021) - Holmes is still as cold as Ice

In 1988, Murder One bookshop in Denmark Street, London, exhibited a full-size statue of Sherlock Holmes in the window display. The photo below is from page 7 of Fulham Chronicle for 17 November 1988. I wondered where statue was today, so I messaged Maxim Jakubowski, the former bookshop owner on Face Book where we are friends, and his response was: "Ah,Memory Lane... The figure was made for us by a film prop specialist and resided in the store until we closed and was bought by a collector..."



Maxim Jakubowski

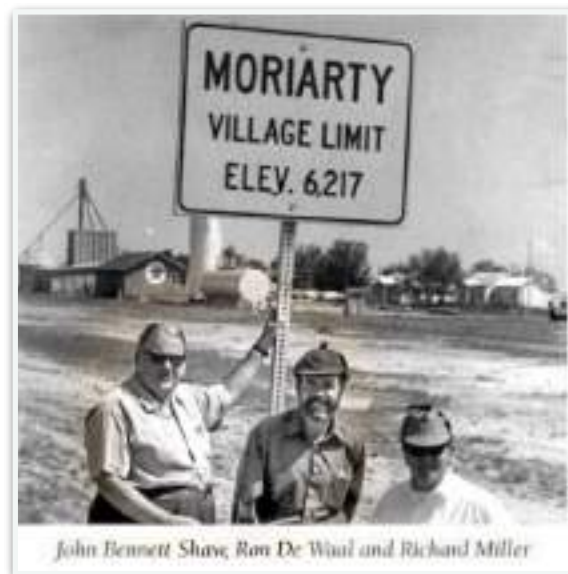


Murder One bookshop

Ronald Burt De Waal worked as the humanities Librarian, Associate Professor and Exhibits coordinator at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Perhaps he is best known to Sherlockians for his works, *The World Bibliography of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson: A Classified and Annotated List of Materials Relating to Their Lives and Adventures*, *The Universal Sherlock Holmes* and *The International Sherlock Holmes: A Companion Volume to the World Bibliography of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson*. In the photo below he displays Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson caricatured in painting and stoneware.



Ronald Burt De Waal



John Bennett Shave, Ron De Waal and Richard Miller

Brothers Moriarty

Ice sculpture of the character Sherlock Holmes. Zwolle, Netherlands. Europe's largest ice sculpture festival. Sherlock Holmes at IJsbeelden Festival Zwolle (2018-19).



Holmes solving a cold case!



IJsbeelden Festival Zwolle (2018-19)

Murder Mystery Players, Inc. had a Sherlock Holmes ice sculpture at a special performance of "Murder Most Romantic" in Jacksonville, Florida (2009).



Murder Most Romantic



Reminds me more of the animated Sherlock Chimp

The children's favorite, first created by author Michael Bond in the 1950s, is known for his distinctive red hat and blue coat, but a specially commissioned series of life-size statues to be dotted around London landmarks gives him an entirely different look, as designed by some of Britain's best-known faces. Benedict Cumberbatch designed a 'Sherlock'-Themed Paddington Bear. The statues were auctioned off in aid of the children's charity NSPCC. The statue of Paddington Bear in a Sherlock Holmes costume resides at the Museum of London. Paddington is 3'6" tall.



Museum of London



Designed by Benedict Cumberbatch

Netflix streaming service celebrated the success of their Enola Holmes film, which featured Millie Bobby Brown as Enola Holmes, with Henry Cavill as big brother Sherlock Holmes, by installing statues of historical women across the United Kingdom. The Enola Holmes statue, after a brief visit to her big brother Sherlock on Baker Street, took up permanent residence at the Francis Holland School in Regent's Park.



Enola Holmes visits her big brother



Francis Holland School, Regent's Park

Hokuei is a small town of 15,622 inhabitants in Tottori Prefecture. It is located north of the island of Honshū, facing the Sea of Japan, between Kyoto and Hiroshima. This city is the birthplace of Gōshō Aoyama, the creator Detective Conan. It is now known by the name of Conan Town, and references to Conan are everywhere. A large statue of Conan greets the many Detective Conan fans who visit the town daily. Smaller Detective Conan statues can be found all over town. Recently even, a new Detective Conan statue was been installed next to the flag hoist in front of the Hokuei Town Office. The title is “The Great Detective Turned Small”.



Detective Conan statues



A Magna and Anime Fan’s Dream Town



Conan Town, Japan

To commemorate the release of the 100th volume of Detective Conan manga, the bronze statue of Conan Edogawa was placed beside the statue of Sherlock Holmes in London, United Kingdom. After being placed beside the statue of Sherlock Holmes, during October 2021, the statue of the little detective is back again at his original home in Takarazuka, Japan, where he quite a tourist attraction.



Detective Conan, Conan Edogawa visits Sherlock Holmes



Welcome back, Conan Edogawa - Takarazuka, Japan

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson sand sculpture at Sandworld Weymouth Dorset, U.K. (2014), with Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman as Dr Watson.



Weymouth, U.K.

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson sand sculpture at the annual International Festival of Sand Sculpture in St. Petersburg, Russia (2020).



St. Petersburg, Russia

"We Let the Dawgs Out" began in 2003, as a public art exhibit, by the Athens-Oconee Women's Club. Three dozen statues were customized by local artists, and in 2010, they were auctioned off for \$25,000, which was donated to AIDS Athens. Many of the original statues can still be found in and around Athens, as well as across the state, including the Georgia Welcome Center at the border with South Carolina, on Interstate 85, St. Simons Island, and most recently, the campus of UGA in Tifton. Sherlock Holmes Dawg, ready to investigate, with a magnifying glass, can be found at 21 Jefferson Place, Athens, GA., the Endoscopy Center of Dr .Greg Smith.



Who let the dawgs out?



Dr. Greg Smith, Athens, Georgia, let Sherlock Dawg out!

Shear-lock Holmes by Laura Cramer. Shaun in the City! The new trail around Bristol of 70 statues of Shaun the Sheep, designed by artists and celebrities. These statues will be auctioned to raise money for Wallace and Gromit's Children's Foundation created by Nick Park of Aardman Animations whose home is in the city.



South Bristol Swimming Pool in Bedminster (2015)



No sheep, Sherlock!



Shear-Lock Holmes

The Artist & The Detective at the Sherlock Holmes book bench, Woburn Square Park on Tavistock Square, Bloomsbury (2014). For Undershaw. The Artist is Valerie Osmet and Sherlock Holmes is Stuart, actor and (retired) costume staff of the Sherlock Holmes Museum.



Sherlock Holmes book bench Woburn Square Park



The Artist (Valerie Osmet) & Holmes (Stuart)



A Gaggle of Holmeses

This bronze bust of Sherlock Holmes can be viewed at The Sherlock Holmes Museum on Baker Street, London, England. A Sherlock Holmes wax figure is located on the 3rd floor. Can yell me you've been to London and not visited this place?



Waxed and Busted!



The Sherlock Holmes Museum

Many wax museums have a Sherlock Holmes wax figure on display, with Basil Rathbone, Benedict Cumberbatch, and Robert Downey Jr. proving to be quite popular. Here are just a few samples.



The Movieland Wax Museum, Niagara Falls, Canada.



Louis Tussaud's Waxworks , Newport, Oregon



Madame Tussauds, London



Madame Tussauds, London

The wax effigy of Sherlock Holmes from "The Empty House" is in the 2nd floor exhibition, maintained by Roger Johnson and Jean Upton, at The Sherlock Holmes Pub, Northumberland St, Charing Cross, London.



Sebastian Moran left his mark



There is no better company than Roger Johnson and Jean Upton at the pub!

Sherlock Holmes Living Statues



Marche-en-Famenne, Belgium - Statues En Marche Festival (2017)



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Britain's Got Talent TV Show (2019)



Emmen, Netherlands - Centrum (2017)



King's Cross Square in London, U.K. (2013)

The Russian people most certainly love Sherlock Holmes. Here are photos of a living Sherlock Holmes statue spotted at a park in St. Petersburg, Russia (2017).



A Living Staute



St. Petersburg, Russia (2017)

Spotted a life-sized Sherlock Holmes for sale at auction in Coggeshall, Essex (2018). Needless to say I didn't bid on it. When did Holmes start wearing loafers and glasses?



Is this Charles Nelson Reilly or Sherlock Holmes?

A six-foot chocolate statue has been made in Benedict Cumberbatch's likeness. Perhaps Benedict needs to lay off the chocolates before they can make a season five of "Sherlock".



6 Foot Tall



136 kg

This photo tripped me up. Located in Molenbeek-Saint-Jean, Belgium, at first glance I thought it was Sherlock Holmes. But think about it, no criminal is going to trip up Holmes that easy. Still a cool statue even if not Holmes.



Molenbeek-Saint-Jean, Belgium

This next Holmes statue photograph I found in my files, but I had no clue where it came from. Steve Rosenberg B.S.I. responded that he picked his up at a craft show. His stands 17" tall and has a white glazed finish over fired clay. It was sculpted by J. Robert Black Jr., of Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1989.

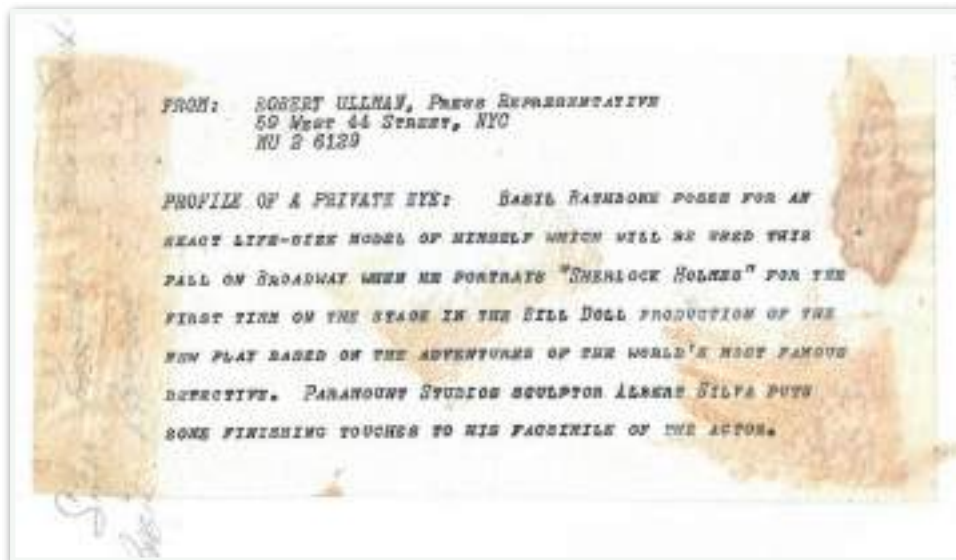


J. Robert Black Jr., sculptor

Basil Rathbone had a life-sized model of himself sculpted by artist Albert Silva for the 1953 play "Sherlock Holmes" written by his wife Ouida Rathbone. The play only lasted a few days before it closed. Who has this statue now I wonder, or was it trashed?.



Albert Silva and Basil Rathbone



Basil's Busted Stage Play

This statue of Sherlock Holmes is from the exhibition "Footprints of Kawataro Nakajima" commemorating the 105th anniversary of his birth. This statue was presented as a positive prize for the Edogawa Rampo Award (江戸川乱歩賞) until 2002. Kawataro Nakajima was the first winner. It is located in the Hikifune Library, Sumida City, Tokyo.



Exhibition Footprints of Kawataro Nakajima



Hikifune Library

Yumiko Shigaki submitted to us this photo of a Sherlock Holmes statue I was unaware of. It is located at the Granaio Piccadilly Italian Restaurant located at 224 Piccadilly Piccadilly Circus, London. The restaurant opened in 2018. Given that familiar address, I feel safe in saying it replaced The Criterion Restaurant which closed in 2018. Least we forget it was on New Years Day, 1881, at the Long Bar in the Criterion Restaurant, when Dr. John H. Watson, by chance, ran into his old acquaintance Stamford, dresser at Barts. Stamford would lead Watson to immortality by introducing him to Sherlock Holmes. It's very nicely done - but the figure is actually plaster of Paris, and unfortunately it's taken a few nicks.



Granaio Piccadilly Italian Restaurant



The Commemorative Plaque

Ralf Bilke asks if we been to the Cafe Sherlock, in Hillesheim, Germany. No Ralfe, but it looks like a wonderful place, and tell Holmes I said hello the next time you drop in. I see he is rather tall as you two can see eye to eye.



Ralf Bilke visits Sherlock Holmes at the Cafe Sherlock



Hillesheim, Germany



Poirot wonders why it is not the Cafe Hercule?

Post card from Sapporo's Snow Festival, Japan, 1988. I'm afraid to report this Sherlock Holmes statue has long since melted away.



"Come, Watson," said he, and we passed from that house of grief into the pale sunlight of the winter day.



Sapporo's Snow Festival

Sherlock Holmes has been linked to the La Biblioteca Pública Arús (the Arus Public Library) of Barcelona, Spain for over a decade. On March 29, 2011, an agreement was signed by Mr. Joan Proubasta to hand over life long his collection surrounding the figure of the famous detective. The collection started very early in Mr. Proubasta's life when, at just 13, he purchased a copy of *The Dog of the Baskerville*. Captivated and attracted by the plot and character, he bought the entire collection and soon devoured them all. Over the years he acquired editions and copies and, little by little, became one of the detective's great collectors. Also, about 27 years ago, the Holmes Circle association was founded, of which he was also president. This allowed him to establish friendly relationships with other collectors around the world, favoring the book exchange. When in 2011 the collection surrendered to the Library, it consisted of about 105.68 linear meters of documents and about 21.27 linear meters of objects. All of this making up a collection of over 6,000 books in 42 languages, and over 2,000 comics. Mr. Proubasta's collection contains hundreds of smaller Sherlock Holmes figurines and one awesome large bust he is seen proudly standing by in the below photo from the museum.



La Biblioteca Pública Arús



Joan Proubasta and Sherlock Holmes

Sherlockian Uwe Soomerlad submitted this statue entry. The Sherlock Holmes statue is located at the Dartmoor Visitors Centre, the former Duchy Hotel, on Tavistock Road, Princetown, Yelverton, Devon. Lisa Collins submitted two new photos and it appears Holmes has moved to a stairway in the souvenir shop in them.



Arthur looks over his creation



Dartmoor Visitors Centre



Mr. Holmes have you moved rooms?

Sherlock Holmes' legacy lives on at the Elmer L. Andersen Library at the University of Minnesota, which is home to the world's largest collection of materials related to Holmes and his creator, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The collection includes more than 60,000 pieces, from original publications and journals to eclectic odds and ends and even a life-size recreation of his sitting room. Established by the acquisition and donation of several significant personal collections (including those of noted Sherlockians John Bennett Shaw and Jennie Paton) and maintained through support from donors, the University's treasure trove has become a go-to resource for Sherlock enthusiasts the world over. This Linus statue is called Seeking Philanthropy My Dear Watson, with Linus dressed up as famous detective Sherlock Holmes. The statue was designed by artists Shane Anderson and Chuck Anderson and was sponsored by the Saint Paul Foundation. It is on display on the ground floor of the Elmer L. Andersen Library at the University of Minnesota.



Linus Holmes - University of Minnesota Library

The T-Rexes were the fourth GoGoDiscover Sculpture trail in Norwich, U.K. 2021. Previously, there had been gorillas, dragons, and hares. Lost Holmes was sponsored by Aspiration Europe and designed by artist Sally Adams. When you take inspiration from Arthur Conan-Doyle's 'Lost World' and 'Sherlock Holmes', you get something like 'Lost Holmes'. He has a cute deerstalker cap and a magnifying glass that actually works. Be sure to also read some of the quotes written on this T-Rex. You would have found it in the Lower Close of the Norwich Cathedral, however Lost Holmes has been moved from his 2021 spot to 32 Elm Hill the home of the Stoned & Hammered Jewelry Shop for 2022. The 2022 GoGoDiscover Trail in Norfolk includes 55 T-Rexes (21 returning from 2021) and 24 Steppe Mammals. There are also 100 small T-Rexes called Breakasaurus. Sculpture Trails are the result of a collaboration between Wild in Art and the charity Break.



Norwich Cathedral 2021



Stoned & Hammered Jewelry Shop 2022

Oor Wullie's BIG Bucket Trail ran for 11 weeks from 17th June 2019 – 30th August 2019, culminating in a series of farewell events and nationwide auctions in each of the five host cities, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen and Inverness. Located at The University of Edinburgh on the old college quad, is the statue of Oor Sherlock Holmes. Scottish crime fiction writer Ian Rankin and Edinburgh based artist Chris Rutterford have collaborated to pay tribute to one of Edinburgh's most celebrated writers, Arthur Conan Doyle. Wullie has been transformed into his most famous and iconic character Sherlock Holmes, complete with deerstalker hat, cape and pipe.



Oor Sherlock Holmes

The British Antique Museum "BAM Kamakura" opened in Kamakura, Japan, in the fall of 2022! Here are some photos from the 3rd floor where BAM Kamakura's recreated Sherlock Holmes Room. Kengo Kuma was in charge of the architectural design. British Victorian antiques are on display, and a real London taxi appears at the entrance! While Sherlock Holmes is a statue, the woman in the photos is a real life person. Japanese artist cosplayer Minori. Minori chose moss green clothes, hair and makeup to match this floor. She also made a deerstalker cap and adjusted the design so that she could wear it like a headdress.



Sherlock Holmes Room



Director Dobashi & Minori

Along side of the London taxi at the entrance to The British Antique Museum in Kamakura, Japan, there now exists a Sherlock Holmes statue marking the one year anniversary of it's September 23rd, 2202 opening.



The British Antique Museum



Kamakura, Japan

Sherlockian Peter Blau asks if this life size Sherlock Holmes nutcracker, which can be seen at the Steubenville Nutcracker Village, in Steubenville, Ohio, might qualify as a statue. Well Peter it sure does qualify, and will be added to this essay, thank you! More than 200 life-size nutcrackers are scattered throughout Historic Downtown Steubenville! Nearly all of the nutcrackers can be viewed 24/7, so visit anytime of day or night between November 21 and January 6! Each of these nutcrackers was carved by local artist Brodie Stutzman and painted by a variety of local artists. The Holmes nutcracker is usually located near the corner of North Fourth Street and Washington Street, in downtown in Steubenville.



Steubenville Nutcracker Village

29 June 2023, the Sherlock Holmes Museum in Meiringen sponsored a new Sherlock Moment. The artist is Elias Rieder. The work was finished in 3 July 2023. This Sherlock Holmes wood statue will be admired this summer at the outdoor pool in Meiringen, Switzerland.



Elias Rieder - Artist



Meiringen's First Sherlock statue observes



From a wood stump Elias creates Sherlock

Of course there are numerous mass produced and/or limited edition Sherlock Holmes statues and figurines produced in all sizes and materials such as these examples below, but this essay is focused on the one of a kind artistic works. So please do not send me photos from your collection of ceramics, Royal Doultons, Funko Pops, pewter and brass figurines, etc. etc. etc.



Simpich 13" Holmes figure



Michael Ricker Pewter Set



Dellamorte 8" Holmes statue



Tom Clark 13" Literary Characters by Cairn Studios

Not statues, but by my choices for a colorful beautiful ending.



Kurt Adler Polonaise Baker Street Sherlock Holmes Glass Ornaments



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Sherlock Holmes the man who never lived and will never die.