

## The Sherlock Holmes Review: 2021 Sherlockian Annual

In 1986 two young Sherlockians, Steven Doyle and Charlie Largent, created a journal devoted to all aspects of Sherlockian studies (the canon, the literary agent, films, television, radio, pastiches, interviews, etc.). *The Sherlock Holmes Review* received great acclaim and ran for ten years. (Recently Gasogene Books has begun reprinting the full run in facsimile volumes, but that is another story.)

Recently, Steve Doyle revived the journal in collaboration with Mark Gagen as an annual with this volume. (I'm guessing that the second volume should be out shortly.) The contents are eclectic, as you would expect. Leslie Klinger conducts a fascinating interview with Robert Doherty, creator and executive producer of *Elementary*. Rachel Gosch argues convincingly for the influence of "A Scandal in Bohemia" on the first Batman comic story (whose Catwoman is much like Irene Adler). Damon Danes discusses the evolution of detectives in life and fiction during the Victorian era. Steve Doyle pays tribute to the late Michael Cox, who produced arguably the best Sherlock Holmes dramatic series (yes, the one with Jeremy Brett). Nicholas Meyer amusingly recounts his book tour for *The Adventure of the Peculiar Protocols* and refers to his follow-up pastiche as *A Study in Gold* (perhaps a more appropriate title than *The Return of the Pharaoh*; I wonder who decided on the change?).

There are also essays on the illustrators of the canon during ACD's lifetime, the impracticality of storing tobacco in a Persian slipper, the impact of cricket on Sherlock's changing interest in sports, Moriarty and mathematics, the different ways Watson has been portrayed in films and on TV, the shifting placement of "The Cardboard Box" in the canon, and book and movie reviews, among other items (including a few too many typos)—in short, a potpourri, a miscellany, a great grab bag of Sherlockian stuff. Our own Jim Hawkins has a short piece about his most treasured book, the 1960 revised edition of *The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes* by Vincent Starrett, autographed twice by the author. (Gee, Jim, could I borrow that before Marino gets hold of it?)

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