

## Standard Abbreviations for the Sherlock Holmes Canon

*The following shows the stories, their "official" abbreviations\*, which collection they can be found in (see below for the meaning of the collection abbreviations) and when and where they were originally published. The general rule is to take the first four letters of the first important word in the title, with some exceptions. If you practice learning these, they become second nature & save a lot of time.*

*\*Each story has been given an abbreviation by Jay Finley Christ in his Irregular Guide to Sherlock Holmes of Baker Street (1947). Sherlockian scholars often use these abbreviations to identify the tales in their Writings About the Writings.*

<u>STORY TITLE</u>	<u>ABBREVIATION</u>	<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>PUBLICATION</u>	<u>FIRST PUBLICATION DATE</u>
A Study in Scarlet	STUD		Beeton's Christmas Annual	December, 1887
The Sign of Four	SIGN		Lippincott's	February, 1890
A Scandal in Bohemia	SCAN	ADV	The Strand	July, 1891
A Case of Identity	IDEN	ADV	The Strand	September, 1891
The Red-Headed League	REDH	ADV	The Strand	August, 1891
The Adventure of the Noble Bachelor	NOBL	ADV	The Strand	April, 1892
The Five Orange Pips	FIVE	ADV	The Strand	November, 1891
The Adventure of the Engineer's Thumb	ENGR	ADV	The Strand	March, 1892
The Adventure of the Speckled Band	SPEC	ADV	The Strand	February, 1892
The Adventure of the Beryl Coronet	BERY	ADV	The Strand	May, 1892
The Man With the Twisted Lip	TWIS	ADV	The Strand	December, 1891
The Adventure of the Copper Beeches	COPP	ADV	The Strand	June, 1892
The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle	BLUE	ADV	The Strand	January, 1892
The Boscombe Valley Mystery	BOSC	ADV	The Strand	October, 1891
The Adventure of the Crooked Man	CROO	MEM	The Strand	July, 1893

The Reigate Squires	REIG	MEM	The Strand	June, 1893
The Resident Patient	RESI	MEM	The Strand	August, 1893
The Greek Interpreter	GREE	MEM	The Strand	September, 1893
The Naval Treaty	NAVA	MEM	The Strand (two parts)	October, 1893 November, 1893
The Yellow Face	YELL	MEM	The Strand	February, 1893
Silver Blaze	SILV	MEM	The Strand	December, 1892
The Stock-Broker's Clerk	STOC	MEM	The Strand	March, 1893
The Adventure of the Final Problem	FINA	MEM	The Strand	December, 1893
The Musgrave Ritual	MUSG	MEM	The Strand	May, 1893
The "Gloria Scott"	GLOR	MEM	The Strand	April, 1893
The Adventure of the Three Students	3STU	RET	The Strand	June, 1904
The Hound of the Baskervilles	HOUN		The Strand	August, 1901 through April, 1902
The Adventure of the Priory School	PRIO	RET	Colliers The Strand	January, 1904 February, 1904
The Adventure of the Norwood Builder	NORW	RET	Colliers The Strand	October, 1903 November, 1903
The Adventure of the Solitary Cyclist	SOLI	RET	Colliers The Strand	December, 1903 January, 1904
The Adventure of the Second Stain	SECO	RET	The Strand	December, 1904
The Adventure of the Six Napoleons	SIXN	RET	Colliers The Strand	April, 1904 May, 1904
The Adventure of the Abbey Grange	ABBE	RET	The Strand	September, 1904
The Adventure of Black Peter	BLAC	RET	The Strand	February, 1904
The Adventure of Charles Augustus Milverton	CHAS	RET	Colliers The Strand	March, 1904 April, 1904
The Adventure of the Dancing Men	DANC	RET	The Strand	December, 1903
The Adventure of the	EMPT	RET	Colliers	September, 1903

Empty House			The Strand	October, 1903
The Adventure of the Golden Pince-Nez	GOLD	RET	The Strand	July, 1904
The Adventure of the Missing Three-Quarter	MISS	RET	The Strand	August, 1904
The Adventure of the Bruce-Partington Plans	BRUC	BOW	The Strand	December, 1908
The Adventure of the Red Circle	REDC	BOW	The Strand (two parts)	March, 1911 April, 1911
The Adventure of the Devil's Foot	DEVI	BOW	The Strand	December, 1910
The Adventure of the Dying Detective	DYIN	BOW	The Strand	December, 1913
The Valley of Fear	VALL		Associated Sunday Newspapers	September, 1914 through November, 1914
His Last Bow	LAST	BOW	The Strand	September, 1917
The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax	LADY	BOW	The Strand	December, 1911
The Adventure of Wisteria Lodge	WIST	BOW	Colliers The Strand	August, 1908 October, 1908
The Adventure of the Cardboard Box	CARD	BOW	The Strand	January, 1893
The Adventure of the Veiled Lodger	VEIL	CAS	Liberty The Strand	January, 1927 February, 1927
The Adventure of the Mazarin Stone	MAZA	CAS	The Strand	October, 1921
The Adventure of the Blanched Soldier	BLAN	CAS	Liberty The Strand	October, 1926 November, 1926
The Adventure of the Three Garridebs	3GAR	CAS	Colliers The Strand	October, 1924 January, 1925
The Problem of Thor Bridge	THOR	CAS	The Strand	February, 1922
The Adventure of the Sussex Vampire	SUSS	CAS	The Strand	January, 1924
The Adventure of the Retired Colourman	RETI	CAS	Liberty The Strand	December, 1926 January, 1927

<b>The Adventure of the Creeping Man</b>	<b>CREE</b>	<b>CAS</b>	<b>The Strand</b>	<b>March, 1923</b>
<b>The Adventure of the Lion's Mane</b>	<b>LION</b>	<b>CAS</b>	<b>Liberty The Strand</b>	<b>November, 1926 December, 1926</b>
<b>The Adventure of Shoscombe Old Place</b>	<b>SHOS</b>	<b>CAS</b>	<b>Liberty The Strand</b>	<b>March, 1927 April, 1927</b>
<b>The Adventure of the Illustrious Client</b>	<b>ILLU</b>	<b>CAS</b>	<b>Colliers The Strand</b>	<b>November, 1924 May, 1925</b>
<b>The Adventure of the Three Gables</b>	<b>3GAB</b>	<b>CAS</b>	<b>Liberty The Strand</b>	<b>September, 1926 October, 1926</b>

COLLECTION ABBREVIATIONS (Note that many of the stories appeared in magazines BEFORE they appeared in the print collection. Also, this is the order in which the stories APPEAR; they are not chronological by the date when the story seems to take place.)

ADV *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* (1892)

MEM *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes* (1894)

RET *The Return of Sherlock Holmes* (1905)

BOW *His Last Bow* (1917)

CAS *The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes* (1927)