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写作练习尤具新意,教读者使用网式图示(spidergrams)记录重点,采 用问答、书信、电报、记者采访等多样化形式,鼓励读者动手写作。

书后更设有升级测试(Exit Test)及答案,供读者检查学习效果。 充分利用书中的练习和测试,可全面提升听、说、读、写四项技能。

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《Black Cat 有声名著阶梯阅读》提倡丰富多元的现代阅读,巧用书中提供的资讯,有助于提升英语理解力,拓展视野。

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Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

National Portrait Gallery, London.

# The Man who Created Sherlock Holmes:

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

herlock Holmes and Dr John Watson are two of the most famous and best loved characters in all of literature. But Arthur Conan Doyle, their creator, was just as fascinating <sup>1</sup> as his creations. Arthur Conan Doyle was born on 22 May 1859 in Edinburgh, Scotland. His father was a timid and impractical <sup>2</sup> civil servant and when Arthur was still a young man his father had to go to live in a mental hospital because he was an alcoholic and epileptic. <sup>3</sup>

1. fascinating:迷人的。

2. impractical:不切实际的。

3. epileptic:癫痫症患者。

His mother, on the other hand, was a strong, proud woman who came from a distinguished <sup>1</sup> military family. She filled Arthur with ideas of honour and chivalry <sup>2</sup> – two ideas that are present in all his writings and actions.

In 1876 Arthur began his medical studies at Edinburgh University. Because he had very little money, Arthur worked for a doctor called Joseph Bell. Joseph Bell amazed <sup>3</sup> his students because he could guess the jobs and lifestyle of his patients by



Mary Doyle.

Conan Doyle's mother in 1891.

The Richard Lancelyn Green Collection.

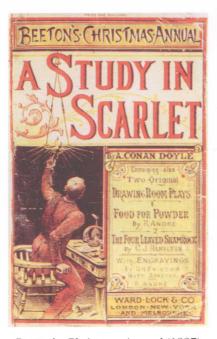
simply observing them carefully. Joseph Bell was Arthur's principal <sup>4</sup> model for Sherlock Holmes.

In 1880 Arthur accepted a job as ship's doctor on an arctic whaler. <sup>5</sup> During the seven-month voyage of this ship Arthur had many exciting adventures: he saw the killing of Greenland seals <sup>6</sup> and whales and he himself almost drowned in icy arctic waters.

- distinguished: 杰出的。
- 2. chivalry: 骑士精神。
- 3. amazed: 使(某人)惊奇。
- 4. principal:主要的。
- 5. whaler:捕鲸船。
- 6. seals:



After this Arthur finished his medical studies and started a practice <sup>1</sup> in Southsea, England in 1882, but it was not a success.



Beeton's Christmas Annual (1887) containing A Study in Scarlet. The Richard Lancelyn Green Collection.

Very few patients came, so Arthur had time to write. One of the books he wrote was a novel called *A Study in Scarlet*. This was the first Sherlock Holmes story.

To make money, Arthur sent a short story about Holmes to a popular monthly magazine called the *Strand*. Holmes soon became a big success. The *Strand* immediately asked Arthur for more stories about Sherlock Holmes, but from the beginning he had a strange relationship with his famous creation: <sup>2</sup> he did not think his stories about Sherlock Holmes were serious and artistic

enough. He wanted to write serious historic novels. So, from the beginning, Arthur planned the death of Sherlock Holmes. When Arthur told his mother about his plans to eliminate <sup>3</sup> Sherlock

<sup>1.</sup> practice:(此处指)诊所。

<sup>2.</sup> creation:创造。 3. eliminate:杀掉。

Holmes forever she wrote to him, 'You won't! You can't! You *mustn't*!' But in 1893 Arthur wrote a story called *The Final Problem* in which Holmes dies.



The magazine *Strand* (1927) featuring a new Sherlock Holmes story.

The Stanley MacKenzie Collection.

The reaction of readers was immediate.1 The Strand lost 20,000 readers, and people wrote thousands of letters to Dovle begging 2 him to bring Holmes back to life. Many people even insulted 3 him. One woman wrote these eloquent 4 words to Arthur: 'You Brute.' Finally, in 1901 Arthur wrote a serialised Sherlock Holmes novel 5 called The Hound of the Baskervilles: the Strand's circulation 6 increased by thirty thousand copies. From then on Holmes appeared in the Strand until 1927, just three years before Arthur's death.

But Arthur's life was not just Sherlock Holmes. He was very active in public affairs. Arthur spoke in favour of a Channel

<sup>1.</sup> immediate: 立即的。

<sup>2.</sup> begging: 乞求。

<sup>3.</sup> insulted: 侮辱。

<sup>4.</sup> eloquent: 雄辩的。

<sup>5.</sup> serialised ... novel: 连载小说。

<sup>6.</sup> circulation:发行量。



The photograph of Frances Griffiths and the fairies (1917), which Conan Doyle believed was real.

The Richard Lancelyn Green Collection.

Tunnel, steel helmets <sup>1</sup> for soldiers and inflatable life jackets <sup>2</sup> for sailors. He also used his real Holmesian <sup>3</sup> analytic <sup>4</sup> skills to solve crimes and to defend people who were unjustly accused of crimes (see, Arthur Defends the Underdog page 110).

Arthur also became an important advocate 5 of spiritualism. Spiritualism

is the belief that it is possible to communicate with the spirits of the dead. Arthur also believed in the existence of fairies, and he said that some photographs of a little girl with fairies were real. He even wrote a book in 1922 called *The Coming of the Fairies*. Of course, Arthur, the creator of the most logical man in the world, Sherlock Holmes, was greatly ridiculed <sup>6</sup> for these beliefs, but Arthur did not seem to care. As always, he stuck to <sup>7</sup> his beliefs with honour and with pleasant good humour.

1. steel helmets:



2. inflatable life jackets :



3. Holmesian:福尔摩斯似的。

4. analytic:分析的。

5. advocate:拥护者。 6. ridiculed:嘲弄。

7. stuck to:坚持。

Arthur died in Crowborough, Sussex, England on 7 July 1930, one of the most famous and best loved men of his day.

## The Sherlock Holmes Books

The Sherlock Holmes stories were first published in the *Strand* magazine. The dates below say when these stories were first published as books.

A Study in Scarlet	(1890) This is the first Holmes novel and it appeared in a magazine called <i>Beeton's</i> Christmas Annual
The Sign of the Four	(1890) a novel
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	(1892) Both The Blue Carbuncle and A Case of Identity appeared in this collection
The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes	(1894) <i>The Yellow Face</i> appeared in this volume.
The Return of Sherlock Holmes	(1905) a collection of stories
The Hound of the Baskervilles	(1902) a novel
The Valley of Fear	(1915) a novel
His Last Bow	(1917) a collection of stories
The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes	(1927) a collection of stories

Decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. If it is correct tick (/) A; if it is incorrect, tick (/) B.					
	(v ) 11, 11 12 13 11100112001, 11011 (v ) 21	A	В		
1	Conan Doyle's two most famous creations are Sherlock Holmes and Dr John Watson.				
2	Conan Doyle's father was a banker.				
3	Conan Doyle's father was the model for Sherlock Holmes.				
4	Conan Doyle wanted to kill Sherlock Holmes because he did not think that his stories were serious and artistic enough.				
5	When Conan Doyle published <i>The Hound</i> of the Baskervilles the Strand's circulation increased by fifty thousand copies.				
6	Spiritualism is the belief that you can solve any crime.				

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- How the building became a museum.
- Describe Holmes' study: the furniture, style, colours and objects.
- What is on the second and third floors.

#### The original Sherlock Holmes

Arthur Conan Doyle was a doctor. Arthur himself described Sherlock Holmes as 'a scientific detective'. Sherlock Holmes' methods are very similar to the methods of a doctor. His 'detecting' work is like the 'diagnosing' work of a doctor. The 'clues' of the crime are like the 'symptoms' of a disease. In fact, Arthur's model for Sherlock Holmes was a doctor called Joseph Bell.

Below is an example of a conversation between Dr Joseph Bell – the original Sherlock Holmes – and one of his patients.

- a. Dr Bell Well, my man you've served in the army.
   Patient Aye, sir. ('Aye' means 'Yes' in Scotland and various parts of northern England.)
- b. Dr Bell And you have left the army recently?Patient Yes, sir.
- c. Dr Bell And you belonged to a Highland regiment? (A Scottish regiment – 'the Highlands' are the mountainous region of northern and western Scotland.)

Patient – Aye, sir.

- d. Dr Bell And you were an officer?Patient Aye, sir.
- e. Dr Bell And you were stationed <sup>3</sup> at Barbados? (The easternmost island of the West Indies.)
   Patient Aye, sir.

<sup>1.</sup> diagnosing:诊断(疾病)。

<sup>2.</sup> symptoms:症状。

<sup>3.</sup> stationed:驻扎。