

CONAN DOYEL'S INFLUENCE TO THE GENRE OF DETECTIVE FICTION

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Annotation: *This article analysis Conan Doyle's influence to the genre of detective fiction. It involved development of detective fiction and the meaning of this style, when it appeared, its main ideas, and how it was used by famous writer in his works. Additionally, it gives information about some benefits to literature by using this approach.*

Key words: *Sherlock Holmes, Victorian era, mystery, detective stories, crime solving, deductive reasoning, influential author and character development.*

Аннотация: *Данная статья анализирует влияние Конан Дойэля на жанр детективной литературы. В нем рассказывается о развитии детективного жанра и о значении этого стиля, когда он появился, его основные идеи и то, как его использовал известный писатель в своих произведениях. Кроме того, в статье даётся информация о некоторых преимуществах литературы при использовании этого подхода.*

Ключевые слова: *Шерлок Холмс, викторианская эпоха, тайна, детективные истории, раскрытие преступлений, дедуктивные рассуждения, влиятельный автор и развитие персонажей.*

Izoh: *Ushbu maqola Konan Doylning detektiv fantastika janriga ta'sirini tahlil qiladi. Unda detektiv fantastika rivoji va ushbu uslubning ma'nosi, qachon paydo bo'lganligi, uning asosiy g'oyalari va mashhur yozuvchi o'z asarlarida qanday foydalanganligi o'z ichiga oladi. Bundan tashqari, ushbu yondashuvdan foydalanib, adabiyotning ba'zi afzalliklari haqida ma'lumot beriladi.*

Kalit so'zlar: *Sherlok Xolms, Viktoriya davri, sir, detektiv hikoyalar, jinoyatni hal qilish, deduktiv fikrlash, ta'sirchan muallif va xarakter rivojlanishi.*

INTRODUCTION

The emergence of detective fiction in the 19th century was a significant development in the literary landscape. This genre, characterized by its focus on crime, investigation, and suspense, captivated readers by unravelling intricate mysteries set against the backdrop of the 19th century. The popularity of detective fiction soared during this time, as it not only provided entertainment but also tapped into the societal fascination with crime and the pursuit of justice.

One of the key factors that contributed to the rise of detective fiction in the 19th century was the rapid urbanization and industrialization that took place during this period. As cities grew larger and more complex, increasing crime rates became a pressing issue. Mysterious crimes became a prominent feature of urban life, creating an insatiable appetite among readers for stories that delved into the dark underbelly of society. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes is one of the most iconic and enduring characters in all of literature. Dorothy L. Sayers writes that Sherlock Holmes is "the greatest detective in fiction." She also says that Holmes is "a man of extraordinary intelligence and resourcefulness."¹³

The novel, which was first published in 1887, follows the adventures of Holmes and his loyal companion, Dr. Watson, as they solve a series of baffling crimes. The novel begins with Holmes and Watson meeting for the first time. Watson, a former army doctor, is looking for a place to live in London, and Holmes, a consulting detective, is in need of a roommate. The two men quickly bond over their shared interest in solving crimes, and they soon become close friends. According to G.K. Chesterton Sherlock Holmes as "the most virile figure in modern literature." He also says that Holmes is "a man of action, and a man of thought, and a man of heart."¹⁴

The novel follows Holmes and Watson as they investigate a series of seemingly unrelated crimes. However, Holmes is able to see the connections between the crimes, and he eventually solves them all. The climax of the novel comes when Holmes and Watson confront the villainous Professor Moriarty, who is the mastermind behind many of the crimes. Additionally, Raymond Chandler says that Sherlock Holmes is "the patron saint of detective fiction." He also says that Holmes is "a great character, a great detective, and a great gentleman."¹⁵

¹³ Dorothy L. Sayers "The Five Red Herrings" published 1931, pp:45-48

¹⁴ G.K. Chesterton The Man Who Was Thursday in 1908, pp:23-26

¹⁵ Raymond Chandler Raymond Chandler: The Simple Art of Murder* (1944) pp:56-58

MAIN CHARACTERS OF THIS STORY:

- **Sherlock Holmes:** Holmes is a brilliant detective with a unique ability to solve crimes. He is known for his sharp intellect, his keen observation skills, and his mastery of deduction.
- **Dr. Watson:** Watson is Holmes's loyal companion and chronicler. He is a former army doctor who is always willing to help Holmes with his investigations.
- **Professor Moriarty:** Moriarty is Holmes's arch-nemesis. He is a criminal mastermind who is responsible for many of the crimes that Holmes investigates.

THEMES:

- **The power of deduction:** Holmes is able to solve crimes by using his powers of deduction. He is able to see the connections between seemingly unrelated events, and he is able to draw logical conclusions from his observations.
- **The importance of friendship:** Holmes and Watson are close friends, and they rely on each other to solve crimes. Holmes is able to provide Watson with the intellectual stimulation that he needs, and Watson is able to provide Holmes with the emotional support that he needs.
- **The battle between good and evil:** Holmes and Moriarty represent the forces of good and evil, respectively. Holmes is a brilliant detective who is dedicated to solving crimes and bringing criminals to justice. Moriarty is a criminal mastermind who is responsible for many of the crimes that Holmes investigates.

Significance. Sherlock Holmes is a classic novel that has been enjoyed by readers for over a century. The novel is a well-crafted mystery that keeps readers guessing until the very end. The characters are well-developed and memorable, and the themes are timeless. Sherlock Holmes is a must-read for fans of mystery fiction and classic literature. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories are classic examples of mystery, detective fiction, and crime solving. Some of the key elements that make his works influential in literature include:

1. **Mystery:** Conan Doyle's stories are known for their intricate and engaging mysteries that keep readers guessing until the very end. One example of mystery in Conan Doyle's works is the locked room mystery. In a locked room mystery, a crime is committed in a room that is locked from the inside, with no way for the criminal to have escaped. This type of mystery often requires the detective to use his or her powers of deduction to figure out how the crime was committed.

2. **Detective Stories:** The Sherlock Holmes series follows the adventures of the brilliant detective Sherlock Holmes and his loyal companion Dr. John Watson as they solve various crimes and mysteries. For example, Holmes and his friend Dr. Watson investigate the case, discovering evidence of a snake being used as a weapon and uncovering a complex plot involving greed and family betrayal. Through deductive reasoning and careful observation, Holmes is able to solve the mystery and prevent Helen from suffering the same fate as her sister.

3. **Crime Solving:** Conan Doyle's stories often involve complex crimes that require careful deduction and analysis to solve, showcasing the importance of logic and deductive reasoning in solving crimes. As an example, In this story, Sherlock Holmes is approached by a young woman named Helen Stoner, who fears that she will meet the same fate as her sister, who died under mysterious circumstances shortly after becoming engaged.

4. **Deductive Reasoning:** Sherlock Holmes is famous for his keen powers of observation and deductive reasoning, which he uses to solve even the most baffling cases.

5. **Character Development:** The character of Sherlock Holmes is one of the most iconic figures in literature, known for his brilliant mind, eccentric behavior, and complex personality. The dynamic relationship between Holmes and Watson also adds depth to the series.

There also some reasons and authors impact on this writer. One of the most famous examples of mystery and detective stories influenced by Conan Doyle's work is Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot series. Christie was heavily influenced by Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories and created her own iconic detective character in Hercule Poirot. The Poirot series features intricate mysteries, clever deductions, and a focus on the psychology of the characters involved, much like Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories.¹⁶

The main purpose of detective fiction in these stories often involve complex puzzles and enigmatic characters that require keen observation, deduction, and logical reasoning to solve. Additionally, detective fiction can also serve as a commentary on society, morality, and human nature by exploring themes such as justice, truth, and the nature of good and evil. Overall, the main purpose of detective fiction in Conan Doyle's works is to provide readers with thrilling and intellectually stimulating narratives that showcase the brilliance and ingenuity of the detective protagonist.

In conclusion, Conan Doyle's influence on the genre of detective fiction is undeniable and far-reaching. Through his creation of the iconic character

¹⁶ Agata Christie "The Poirot series" (1920-1975), pp;143-145

Sherlock Holmes, Doyle revolutionized the way that mysteries were written and approached in literature. His intricate plots, attention to detail, and emphasis on deductive reasoning set a standard that continues to be emulated by countless authors in the genre. Doyle's impact on detective fiction can be seen in the enduring popularity of Sherlock Holmes, as well as in the development of other beloved sleuths and mystery series. Overall, Conan Doyle's contributions have left an indelible mark on detective fiction, shaping it into the dynamic and captivating genre that we know today.

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