The Basic Holmesian Library
A Catalog

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Introduction to the Exhibit

“Some years ago I staged an exhibition of what I then considered to be the One Hundred Basic Books, pamphlets and periodicals relating to Sherlock Holmes.”

So wrote John Bennett Shaw in a short introduction to his first official compilation of these books, pamphlets and periodicals, which he titled “The Basic Holmesian Library”. His goal was to give “an in-depth view of the entire Holmesian culture,” and while he admitted the difficulty encountered in choosing what to include out of so many fine writings, he approached this daunting task with the enthusiasm of one who truly understood the meaning of Collecting Sherlockiana.

His own library, which he defined in his essay “Collecting Sherlockiana” as “…a number of books and other printed material on one subject, or on several,” focused on Sherlock Holmes. An avid bibliophile, he narrowed his collecting to this one subject after donating his other collections to such universities as Notre Dame, Tulsa, and the University of New Mexico. It is perhaps ironic to use the term narrowed for such a collection, which grew to over 15,000 items. As his own library expanded with acquisitions of previously printed as well as newly published items, he revised his list of the Basic Holmesian Library. Shaw wrote in several different introductions to his revised lists that his goal was to provide workshop participants with an index that would “…guide the participants) through the welter of words that have been printed about Mr. Holmes, his life and times and career, his friends and enemies, and his standing today as a world figure who lives and is revered and respected by all.”

Shaw’s list of the Basic Holmesian Library, which he revised in 1983 and 1987, has continued to serve many a collector. In 1995, a year after his death, Shaw’s Sherlock Holmes Library was formally dedicated at the University of Minnesota. His list of 100 items was revised that year by E. W. McDiarmid and Peter E. Blau in an effort to focus on more attainable items. In 1996, Carl William Thiel published an annotated collector’s guide to Shaw’s list. Two years later, Catherine Cooke published Shaw’s most recently revised Basic Holmesian Library and included his essay on collecting Sherlockiana.

In 2000, his library joined those of other important collectors such as Philip Hench, Vincent Starrett, Bill Rabe, E. W. McDiarmid, Howard Haycraft, Jennie Paton and Felix Morley in the new Elmer L. Andersen Library. We hope that you enjoy this exhibit of the Basic Holmesian Library, in its variant revisions. Our goal in selecting the books that are included in this display was two fold: first, to honor John Bennett Shaw for his undying enthusiasm in guiding Holmesian devotees through the mass of what has been written, and secondly, to select editions that would indicate the breadth of materials that reside in the Sherlock Holmes Collections. It is indeed a “treasure trove” for Sherlockians.

John Bennett Shaw’s legacy lives on in both his Basic Holmesian Library List of 100 Books and his own beloved Sherlockian library, and our wish for you is the same that Shaw expressed in closing his introduction to each of his revised lists: “Good reading, and good collecting.”

  Julie McKuras
Curator's Commentary on the Exhibit

John Bennett Shaw's list provided the framework for this exhibit, but a basic question needed to be answered before the first book was placed in the first case: should we exhibit the very best, the most pristine copies we have from the Collections or should we opt for a little more variety? I opted for variety; the reason was very simple: collectors come in all shapes and sizes, with diverse levels of expertise (bibliographic and otherwise), and with pecuniary pockets of differing depths. Given Holmes wide appeal (and quite possibly his own reading and bookselling habits) and the desire to infect the novice or newcomer with that particular strain of Sherlockian bibliomania (v. bibliomania Holmesiensis), the exhibit needed to display that same expansive character of collectors and collecting, reflected in books of various states and conditions. Moving through the exhibit one will notice, therefore, the creased paperback near the first edition, the presentation copy poised by the tattered dust jacket, or the torn and tied bundle resting in sorry repose close by a well-cared-for rarity. All are important, for all provide entrance into that world of "good reading and good collecting."

But beyond the basic question, the exhibit provided the opportunity for a playful commentary on collectors and collecting, sprinkled with the odds and ends and artifacts acquired in the hunt. One begins with the figurine of Shaw, enthroned upon his annotated Holmes, a Baker Street Dozen as his footstool, king of all within this domain. Here is both the beginning and the end of this realm, represented by both Canon and Journal, and the demarcation of the boundaries of Shaw's most wonderful list.

The next few cases are rather tidy affairs, each well ordered and with that sense of calm that belies the subcutaneous fervor of the collector. We see Holmes and Watson in profile, their gaze providing an inkling of more to come. Off to the side we spy the solitary volume, buttressed by intent bookends, each searching for clues in solution to a crime. Rarities begin to appear, as do the wine and cigars, a nod to the connoisseur in each of us (or the appurtenance to celebration or sorrow in acquiring or missing a particularly prized volume).

For those inclined to lesser spirits (but holding equally fervent desires in building their collections) tea and trinkets provide comfort amidst the pursuit. But by this time the Holmesian virus is in full force. The sixth case represents this fevered pitch and is a riot of activity, volumes scattered hither and yon, not unlike the sometime appearance of that rather famous sitting room at 221B. We are in a frenzied state. And we're enjoying every minute.

Sherlock Hemlock and Scotchland Yard help us organize our affairs. Between these bookends of a child's school lunch and an adult's disguised nip one finds a story for the ages. Calm and order descend once again on our world. We are at peace. It is time for dinner, a glass of wine, and a game of chess. Even Moriarty, with his cracked and damaged visage peering between the covers, cannot defeat our enthusiasms. We know he is gone, that his web has been broken, and that the world's most famous consulting detective takes some continuing pleasure in our own little exploits in search of his story.

Tim Johnson
The Basic Holmesian Library

compiled by
John Bennett Shaw

1977—1993
The Shaw One Hundred

Introduction (From the 1979 List)

Some years ago I staged an exhibition of what I then considered to be the One Hundred Basic Books, Pamphlets and Periodicals relating to Sherlock Holmes. The catalog of this display was never issued and over the years I have had many requests for the list, especially from new recruits to the Cult.

I thought that this workshop would provide a good opportunity to publicized such a list and so I provided a copy to each participant: to guide him through the welter of words that have been printed about Mr. Holmes, his life and time and career, his friends and enemies, and his standing today as a figure that lives and is revered and respected throughout the world.

I tried to list One Hundred items that would give on an in-depth view of the entire Holmesian culture. Selection was difficult and I am sure that a number of important items have been omitted and some included that many will think better left out. It was especially difficult to limit the inclusion of items done in an ephemeral way as gift books, in periodicals, in a form not yet collected, in foreign languages and so on. Thus I have had to neglect for this listing a number of fine contributions by such writers as Jay Finley Christ, Lord Donegall, Charles Honce, Nathan Bengis, Peter E. Blau, Jon L. Lellenberg, Christopher Morley, Julian Wolff and Edgar W. Smith. I must not fail to mention the many profound and interesting contributions to The Writing about the Writings done by foreign authors such as Henry Lauritzen, A. D. Henriksen, Karl Krejci-Graf, Ted Bergman, Rudolf Čechura, Kohki Naganuma and many others.

Please remember that while I have listed One Hundred items I have not listed more than two thousand others.

Good reading, and good collecting.
The Basic One Hundred Items: A Holmesian Library

Compiler's note: Entries that survived all revisions of the list by Shaw are unmarked and in plain type. Those titles not fortunate enough to remain on the list are indicated by a minus sign [- - - -], including titles added after the initial list of 1977 and later dropped. Additional information on the date of their demise, provided by the compiler, is given. Titles that were added during later revisions—and that survived the winnowing process—are indicated by a plus sign [++++]. Finally, those titles cleverly consolidated by Shaw—in a space-making move to add more titles to the list—are indicated by a tilde [~~~~]. All other notes and commentary, unless otherwise indicated, are Shaw's as taken from his various lists.

The Canon

   De Waal: C1862
   Additional note: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw

2. ++++ Doyle, Pj and E. W. McDiarmid, editors. THE BAKER STREET DOZEN, New York: Congdon & Weed; Chicago, Ill.: Distributed by Contemporary Books, 1987. (Note: An anthology of Doyle's twelve favorite stories with a thirteenth added—to make it a 'Baker's Dozen' and each with an essay by a noted Sherlockian scholar). This title was added in Shaw's 1988 revised list.
   De Waal: C1864, C1865
   Additional note: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, typed in "Note variant dust jacket (color of lamp on cover)."

The Canon, Abridged

3. - - - - Kottmeyer, William K. THE CASES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES, St. Louis: Webster Division, McGraw-Hill, 1947. This category is not present in the 1988 or 1993 revisions.
   De Waal: C1886.
   U of M call number: PR4621 .K67x 1947b
   Additional notes on various copies: Hench copy; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw; 1965 printing; 1966 printing; 1972 printing; 1975 printing.

The Canon, Apocrypha

   (note: this contains "The Man With the Watches" and "The Lost Special").
   De Waal: C2293
   U of M call number: PR4621 1922c
   Additional note: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, dust jacket, with typed note by Shaw on contents.

5. ++++ Tracy, Jack (editor). SHERLOCK HOLMES, THE PUBLISHED APOCRYPHA, Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1980 (Note: Peter Haining, THE FINAL ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES, 1981. In many of the contents this is a duplication yet Haining has items not in Tracy, and

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vice versa.) This title was added in Shaw's February 1983 list. He noted in a 1987 post-script: "Since issuing this list of reading suggestions in 1983, I have revised it several times. Once again I have gone over it with care and deleted, sadly, several items in order to include three or four new and important volumes. As I commented in the final note, there are but 99 items at present but the 100th will soon be published."

De Waal: C2311
U of M call number: PR4622 .S4 1980
Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw; Copy signed by editor; 1st printing; Rabe.

**Holmes, General Writings About**


De Waal: C4895
U of M call number: PR4624 .B33 1962
Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of M. F. Miller; Reissue: misbound in covers for *Wild, Wooly and Wicked* by Harry Sinclair Drago; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw; 2nd printing; 4th printing; 5th printing; Book plate of Errett W. McDiarmid.


De Waal: C10703
U of M call number: PR4624 .B4 1932
Additional notes on various copies: "This first edition is limited to 500 copies." Book plate of John Bennett Shaw; Hench Da3754. Hench copy on display.


De Waal: C4936


De Waal: C4938
U of M call number: PR4623 .B53x 1932
Additional notes on various copies: Gift of Anthony Morley, dust jacket; Book plate of Edgar Wadsworth Smith, inscribed to Edgar W. Smith from Vincent Starrett, December 1932 printing; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw. Morley copy on display.


De Waal: C4945
U of M call number: PR4624 .B575x 1952
Additional notes on various copies: Hench, presentation copy from editors; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, presentation copy from Blegen; Vincent Starrett copy; E.W. McDiarmid copy, includes inserted advertising pamphlet for this volume. Shaw copy on display.

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De Waal: C4958
U of M call number: PR4623 .B7 1951
Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of Errett W. McDiarmid; Philip Hench copy; Presentation copy from author to James C. Iraldi; 2nd impression; Hench, inscribed: "For Phil with affection, Christmas 1962." Book plate of W. T. Rabe. McDiarmid copy on display.

De Waal: C5048
U of M call number: PR4623 .S47x 1947
Additional notes on various copies: "First edition 200 copies"; Hench, No. 106 of 200 limited ed. Copies; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, contains letter from Cutter to Shaw; this copy unnumbered; Hench, No. 298 (2nd ed.); Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, No. 29B (2nd ed.), signed by author; A. D. Henriksen. Shaw No. 29B copy on display.

De Waal: C11193
U of M call numbers: PR4624 .D3, PR4624 .D3x 1972
Additional notes on various copies: Gift of Anthony Morley; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw; Hench.

De Waal: C5160
U of M call number: PR4623 .F58x 1955
Additional note: Hench copy.

De Waal: C5198
U of M call number: PR4624 G73x 1950.
Additional notes on various copies: Gift of Anthony Morley; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw; Hench.

De Waal: C5205.1 , C5205.2
This title was added in Shaw's 1987 revision to his 1983 list and deleted from the 1993 list. Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, presentation copy to Shaw from Green; Book plate of Errett W. McDiarmid; Philip Hench. Shaw copy on display.

De Waal: C5232
U of M call number: PR4624 .S47 1980
Additional note: Treasure Press, 1986, edition on display, with bookplate of John Bennett Shaw and inscription from Haining to Shaw.

De Waal: C5238
Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw; Book plate of W. T. Rabe; Review copy, notice removed. Rabe copy on display.


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De Waal: C22307 (I, Sherlock Holmes)
U of M call number: PR6058 .A694 174x 1977
Additional note: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw.
De Waal: C5270.B719.1 (The World of Sherlock Holmes)
U of M call number: PR4624 .H3x 1973
Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, John Bennett Shaw copy of TLS from Harrison to Hans Sloan, proposing Julian Wolff festschrift (Sept. 6, 1974); Book plate of W.T. Rabe; Hench Db719; Review copy, notice pasted to front end paper; TLS to John Bennett Shaw from the author, pasted to back end paper; Christmas card with HLS pasted inside back cover, from the author to Dorothy and John Bennett Shaw.

De Waal: C5269
U of M call number: PR4624 .H38x 1984
Additional notes: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw; two jackets; TLS by the author to John Bennett Shaw, June 30, 1984.

De Waal: C5270
U of M call number: PR4624 .H3x 1973
Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw; John Bennett Shaw copy of TLS from Harrison to Hans Sloan, proposing Julian Wolff festschrift (Sept. 6, 1974); Book plate of W.T. Rabe; Hench Db719.  Shaw copy on display.

De Waal: C5285
U of M call number: PN3448 .D4 H3 1941
Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw; Hench D2025; TLS by the author to John Bennett Shaw, Nov. 21, 1979; pasted to back end paper.  Shaw copy on display.

De Waal: C21323
U of M call number: Z8240 .H47 1983

De Waal: C5339
U of M call number: PR4624 .H58 1959
Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of: W. T. Rabe; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, HLS by the author to Nathan Bengis pasted to back end paper; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, note card signed by author, pasted to back end paper. Card explains the author's link to the South Bank Lion on Westminster Bridge; Hench D2046, advance proof copy, ALS (Christmas card) pasted to back end paper; McDiarmid book plate.  McDiarmid copy on display.

De Waal: C5344
U of M call number: PR4624 .S4 1967
Additional notes: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, HLS (Christmas card) by the editor pasted to recto back end paper.

De Waal: C5387
U of M call number: PR4624 .J29x 1965
Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, inside back cover, ALS tipped in from the author to Shaw; Inside back cover ALS (Christmas card) tipped in from author to Shaw. Shaw/Christmas card copy on display.

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   De Waal: C8820
   U of M call number: PR4624 .K4483x 1987
   Additional note: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, Limited ed., Copy no. 20 of 60.
   De Waal: C11500
   Additional notes: Hench, with HLS; In reprint (1975) book plate of John Bennett Shaw, letter to Shaw from the author pasted to last page. Hench copy on display.
   De Waal: C5450, C5451
   U of M call number: PR6021 .N6 E7 1928
   Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, first published: October, 1928; Hench, second impression: December, 1928; "This edition is limited to 250 copies of which this is number 233" & signed by author; Sixth impression: November, 1936, "Occasional Library" -- Book jacket. Shaw copy 233, with Knox signature on display.
   De Waal: C14941
   U of M call number: PS3537 .T246 A4x 1989
   Additional notes on various copies: "First edition limited to 500 copies." Copy signed by editor, presentation copy: To John Bennett Shaw from Jon L. Lellenberg, Book plate of John Bennett Shaw.
   De Waal: C9298
   U of M call number: PR4623 .L54 1982
   Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, presentation copy, inscribed by the author to John Bennett Shaw(7/82); HLS on notecard depicting Bell's church (St. James Church, Egerson, Kent), to John (Bennett Shaw), 1983; Copy inscribed to Edith Meiser by the author, March, 1984. Shaw copy on display.
   De Waal: C5592
   U of M call number: PR4624 .M42x 1974
   Additional notes on various copies: McDiarmid book plate; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw; Business card of Jean Paiva, Drake Publ, glued in book. McDiarmid copy on display.
   De Waal: C7268
   U of M call number: PR4622 .M83 M4 1982
   Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, preliminary copy, hand bound from the bindery, Christmas card with a picture of the author and his wife pasted to back blank page (1984); Copy presented to the Hench collection by John Bennett Shaw, July 20, 1982, Hench DkDM55. Shaw copy on display.
   De Waal: C5622

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De Waal: C5623
U of M call number: PR4623 .M663x 1950
Additional notes on various copies: Presentation copy by the author to E.W. McDiarmid; Presentation copy by the author to Doyle W. Beckemeyer, stamp showing a caricature of Holmes, on inside front cover, book plate of John Bennett Shaw. McDiarmid copy on display.

42. Montgomery, James. SIDELIGHTS ON SHERLOCK, Philadelphia : s.n., 1951. This title appeared in Shaw's 1977 list but was dropped in the 1978 list.
De Waal: C5624
U of M call number: PR4623 .M6665x 1950
Additional notes on various copies: Presentation copy from author to Felix [Morley], Gift of Anthony Morley; Presentation copy inscribed to John Bennett Shaw by the author, book plate of John Bennett Shaw; Presentation copy to Arthur Lowell, inscribed by the author; Presentation copy from author to Bill Rabe; Book plate of W.T. Rabe, presentation copy from author to Russ. Rabe copy on display.

De Waal: C5625
U of M call number: PR4623 .M665x 1950
Additional notes on various copies: Copy inscribed by the author to William Baring-Gould; Presentation copy to E. W. McDiarmid, inscribed by the author; Copy inscribed by author to Russell McLauchlin; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, Sherlock Holmes ink stamp on inside front cover, copy inscribed by the author to "Doyle" Xmas 1951 (i.e. Doyle W. Beckemeyer), HLS by the author to "Doyle" (August 3, 1955). Baring-Gould copy on display.

De Waal: C5042
U of M call number: PR4624 .C84 1978
Additional notes on various copies: "400 copies regular edition. 25 copies special autographed."; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, contains advertising pamphlet for this ed., No. 1 of 25., and tipped-in note from Bryce Crawford; Hench, No. 25 of 25 signed copies; Errett W. McDiarmid, signed by editors on 1st leaf, inscribed to McDiarmid from Judith Blegen on t.p. verso; No. 3 of 25 signed copies. Shaw No. 1 copy on display.

45. Park, Orlando. SHERLOCK HOLMES, ESQUIRE AND JOHN H. WATSON, M.D., AN ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF THEIR AFFAIRS, [Evanston, Ill.] Northwestern University Press, 1962. This title appeared in Shaw's 1977 list but was dropped in the 1978 list.
De Waal: C11194
U of M call number: Quarto PR4623 .A3 P3 1962
Additional note: Copy signed by author to Vincent Starrett.

De Waal: C12230
U of M call number: PR4624 .R4 1982
Additional notes on various copies: Rabe, copy signed by author; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, ALS by the author on undated Christmas card, review copy notice pasted to front end paper. Rabe copy on display.


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De Waal: C5800
U of M call number: PR4624 .R62 1953
Additional notes on various copies: Errata": leaf inserted; Book plate of W. T. Rabe; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw; Copy contains many newspaper clippings attached to inside covers; Presentation copy to Shaw from Geoffrey Cumberlege. Rabe copy on display.

48. - - - -Rosenberg, Sam. NAKED IS THE BEST DISGUISE, Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill, 1974. This title did not appear in Shaw's 1987 revised list.
De Waal: C5812
U of M call number: PR4624 .R65 1974
Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of W. T. Rabe, "First printing"; Presentation copy to John Bennett and Dorothy Shaw from Sam Rosenberg, book plate of: John Bennett Shaw, "First printing"; Book plate of Errett W. McDiarmid, "First printing." McDiarmid copy on display.

De Waal: C5639
U of M call number: PR4624 .M67x 1990
Additional note: John Bennett Shaw bookplate.

De Waal: C5851
U of M call number: PR6037 .A95 U5 1946
Additional note: E. W. McDiarmid bookplate.

De Waal: C5860
U of M call number: PR4624 .W4 1965
Additional note: Hench copy.

De Waal: C8839
U of M call number: PR4624 .S45 1978
Additional note: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, with Walter Shepherd address on envelope tipped in.

De Waal: C5910
U of M call number: PR4624 .B28 1984
Additional note: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, 1st printing, presentation copy to John Bennett Shaw from Philip A. Shreffler.

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De Waal: C5912
PR4624 .S443 1989

Additional note: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw.


De Waal: C5915

U of M call number: PR4624 .S55x 1953


De Waal: C12234

U of M call number: PR4624 .S55x 1957

Additional notes on various copies: "A new edition ... in a limited edition of 350 copies..."; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, copy 45; Book plate of W. T. Rabe, limited . . . of which this is copy number 42; Of 350 copies, this is copy 372. Shaw copy on display. 1940 Pamphlet House edition, No. 44 of 300, signed to Felix Morley by Edgar W. Smith, 8/5/40. Morley copy on display.


De Waal: C5925

U of M call number: PR4624 .S553 1944

Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of W.T. Rabe, provenance: Russell McLauchlin, signed by Edgar W. Smith, First edition 200 copies. This is copy number 289 (second edition); Provenance: Hench, First edition 200 copies, this is copy number 134, paperback copy inserted in hardback cover; Provenance: Hench, First edition 200 copies. This is copy number 243 (second edition); Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, First edition 200 copies. This is copy number 238 (second edition); First edition 200 copies. This is copy number 239 (second edition); Shaw copy number 144 of 200 on display.


De Waal: C5930

U of M call number: PR4624 .I48x 1958

Additional notes on various copies: "Limited edition of three hundred and fifty copies."; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, . . . limited edition . . . of which this is copy number 75; Book plate of W. T. Rabe, . . . limited edition . . . of which this is copy number 31. Shaw copy on display.


De Waal: C5931

U of M call number: PR4624 .S56 1959

Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, book plate of Edgar Wadsworth Smith, limited edition of 350 copies, of which this is copy number 307"; Provenance: Hench, book
inserted in hard cover, limited edition . . . of which this is copy number 92; Book plate of W.T. Rabe, limited edition . . . of which this is copy number 24. Shaw copy on display.

   De Waal: C5934
   U of M call number: PR4624 .S55x 1944
   Additional notes on various copies: Provenance: U.S.S. West Point, jacket flap copy tipped in, front end papers, gift of Anthony Morley; Presentation copy to Anita Young (William Hall's secretary and signed by Morley, Hall and Ms. Young), book plate of John Bennett Shaw; Special presentation copy to Bennett Cerf from the Murray Hill Dinner, Limited ed. Copy no. 137, book plate of Errett W. McDiarmid; Special presentation copy to Norman J. Wright from the Baker Street Irregulars, limited ed. Copy no. 391, copy signed by the editor, book plate of John Bennett Shaw; Shaw, "Second printing, April, 1944." McDiarmid copy on display.

61. Sons of the Copper Beeches, The. LEAVES FROM THE COPPER BEECHES, 1959. Shaw makes this note in the 1983 revised list: "Another volume MORE LEAVES FROM THE COPPER BEECHES, 1976, can be substituted; it is equally well done."
   De Waal: C5943

   De Waal: C5948
   U of M call number: PR4624 .A2657x 1959
   Additional note: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw.

63. Speckled Band, The. THE SECOND CAB, Boston: S. Moran, 1947. Shaw made a clever move with this entry, as he did with the Copper Beeches entries above. In the 1983 revised list he notes: "Also issued has been THE THIRD CAB, 1960 and THE FOURTH CAB, 1976." By noting the additional titles, two additional spaces in the list were created. Shaw continued this practice in the 1993 list where he notes the existence of THE BEST OF THE CABS, 1980 and THE FIFTH CAB, 1988.
   De Waal: C5948
   U of M call number: PR4624 .K53 1947
   Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of Errett W. McDiarmid, copy number 11 of 300; Book plate of: W.T. Rabe, "Edition limited to 300 copies. This is copy number 241." McDiarmid copy on display.

   De Waal: C5948
   U of M call number: PR4624 .T45x 1960
   Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, . . . limited to 500 copies, this is copy 248, hardcover with tissue dust jacket; Hench, . . . this is copy 253, notes of first page, hardcover with tissue dust jacket; Hench, . . . this is copy 309, hardcover with tissue dust jacket; . . . this is copy 425. Shaw copy on display.

   De Waal: C5950
   U of M call number: PR4624 .F6 1976
   Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, . . . limited to 500 copies, this is copy 128, paperback; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, . . . limited to 100 copies, this is copy 23, hardcover with tissue dust jacket. Shaw copy 128 on display.

   De Waal: C5972
   U of M call number: PR4624 .S8 1933
   Additional notes on various copies: Gift of Anthony Morley, presentation copy to F.M.M. or Olaf Jacques, with love from C.D.M. or Gil de Berault, Guy Faux Day 1933, affixed to front leaf: For Felix Morley, greetings from Baker Street, with author's autograph; Signed by Vincent Starrett, provenance: Philip S. Hench, dust jacket; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw; "To: Albert E. Hausman from Gray E. Briggs"; Postcard from Vincent Starrett to Shaw in front cover. Starrett's author's copy on display, with signed book plate. Shaw's copy (first English edition), with different dust jacket, also on display.


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68. ++++Tracy, Jack (compiler and editor) THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA SHERLOCKIANA, Garden City (N.Y.): Doubleday, 1977. This title was added in Shaw's 1978 list.
De Waal: C11197
U of M call number: PR4623.A3 T7 1977
Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of W. T. Rabe; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw; TLS by the author to John Bennett Shaw (February 22, 1979), re: the B.S.I. dinner, which Shaw had missed. Shaw copy without letter on display.

De Waal: C6058
U of M call number: PR4624.V3 1959
Additional note: Rabe book plate; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, letter to John Bennett Shaw from the author attached to last page. Rabe copy on display.

70. ~~~~~Williamson, J. N. and H. B. Williams (editors) ILLUSTRIOUS CLIENT’S CASE-BOOK, Indianapolis, Ind.: The Illustrious Clients, 1948. Shaw gained additional space in the list by repeating the trick of The Speckled Band entries above. In the 1983 revised list he notes: "Also issued were THE ILLUSTRIOUS CLIENT’S SECOND CASE-BOOK, 1949, and THE ILLUSTRIOUS CLIENT’S THIRD CASE-BOOK, 1953."
De Waal: C5371
U of M call number: PR4624.I43x 1948
Additional notes on various copies: Copy inscribed for "new scion" i.e. Norwegian Explorers; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, TLS announcing publishing date (3/1/48) glued to inside back cover; Hench Da2257; Copy inscribed by both editors; Book plate of Errett W. McDiarmid, copy inscribed by J. N. Williamson. Explorers copy on display.

De Waal: C5373
U of M call number: PR4624.I43x 1949
Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, ALS by Williamson glued to inside front cover, TLS glued to t.p. verso; Book plate of Errett W. McDiarmid, inscription and a drawing by the editor, 3/5/49; Copy inscribed by the editor. McDiarmid copy on display.

De Waal: C5374
U of M call number: PR4624.I43x 1953
Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, TLS by Williamson to Shaw glued to last page; Hench Da2259. Shaw copy on display.

The Agent

De Waal: C4256
PR4623.C3x 1949

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Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, typed letter to "Reevo" attached to last page; Shaw second copy with HLS from Carr; Book plate: Errett W. McDiarmid; Provenance: James Iraldi. Inscription on front page; Provenance: Hench, annotations, notes in book and on card catalog cards; John Dickson Carr's autograph / presentation copy to Felix Morley, "in Baker Street fellowship." gift of Anthony Morley. Shaw copy with Carr note on display.


Bibliography and Chronology


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175 copies; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, presentation copy to Ben Ahanson from Jay Finley Christ, limited ed. Copy no. 18 of 175 copies. Rabe copy on display.

82. ~~~~De Waal, Ronald B. THE WORLD BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SHERLOCK HOLMES AND DR. WATSON, Boston: New York Graphic Society; New York: Bramhall House: distributed by Crown Publishers, 1974. Shaw consolidated this entry with The International Sherlock Holmes in the 1988 list revision and noted: "Hopefully this essential project will be completed with a third volume in 1989." Shaw noted in the 1993 list: "Currently The Universal Sherlock Holmes—volumes one and two, plus the long awaited third volume—of this essential work is scheduled for publication on a limited basis in early 1994."
Additional note: signed by De Waal.

U of M call number: Quarto PR4623 .A3 D39x 1980
Additional note: Rabe book plate; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, presentation copy: To John Bennett Shaw from Ron De Waal. Rabe copy on display.


86. - - - -Redmond, Donald A. (compiler) A CHECKLIST OF THE ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE COLLECTION: THE METROPOLITAN TORONTO LIBRARY, 1977 (rev.) The checklist is absent from Shaw's revision of 1983. Additional note: Shaw bookplate, inscription from Redmond to Shaw. De Waal: C10581, C10582

U of M call number: Z8240 S65x 1945
Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, No. 29 of 300 limited ed. Copies; Gift of Anthony Morley, this is copy number 275; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, No. 30 of 300 limited ed. Copies; Hench, No. 300 of 300 limited ed. copies. Shaw, No. 29 copy on display.

U of M call number: PR4624 .S644x 1962
Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw; Hench. Shaw copy on display.

U of M call number: PR4624 .Z4 1953
Additional notes on various copies: "This first edition is limited to 200 copies."; Book plate of Errett W. McDiarmid, signed "For James C. Iraldi, Sincerely, Ernest Bloomfield Zeisler, 4/13/53"; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw. McDiarmid copy on display.

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Theatre (Performing Arts in the 1983 revised list and later)

   U of M call number: PR6058 .A673 F63x 1964
   Additional note: Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, 2nd impression 1966, letter to John from Michael Hardwick glued on last page.
92. Pohle, Robert W., Jr., and Douglas C. Hart. SHERLOCK HOLMES ON THE SCREEN, South Brunswick, [N. J.]: A. S. Barnes, 1977. This title was added in the 1978 list and dropped from 1988 list.
   De Waal: C18649
   Additional note: John Bennett Shaw book plate.
   De Waal: C18554
   U of M call number: PR4624 .P657x 1975
   Additional notes on various copies: Hench; Book plate of John Bennett Shaw, includes personal letter from Pointer to Shaw. Hench copy on display.
94. - - - -Pointer, Michael. THE SHERLOCK HOLMES FILE, Newton Abbot [Eng.]: David & Charles; New York: C. N. Potter : distributed by Crown Publishers, 1976. This title was removed from Shaw's 1979 list.
   De Waal: C18555
   U of M call number: PR4624 .P66x 1976
   Additional note: John Bennett Shaw book plate.
   De Waal: C18667
   Additional note: John Bennett Shaw book plate.

Specialized Items

   De Waal: C12832
   PR4621 .B4 1980
   Additional note: Presentation copy, with a note to John Bennett Shaw to Bruce Beaman.
   De Waal: C11599
   U of M call number: PR4623 .A3x 1987
   Additional note: Shaw book plate.
   De Waal: C11379
   U of M call number: TX717 .D56 1976
   Additional note: Shaw book plate.

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   De Waal: C17762
   U of M call number: GV1281.5 .T46x 1973
   Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of W. T. Rabe; John Bennett Shaw bookplate, inscribed
   by Thomas to Shaw.

     Square Press, 1958.
     De Waal: C23687
     U of M call number: PZ10.3 .T548x Bas 1958
     Additional notes on various copies: Book plate of W. T. Rabe; Shaw copy, contains a Christmas card
     from Eve Titus to John and Dorothy Shaw, 1976.

101. Warrack, Guy. SHERLOCK HOLMES AND MUSIC, London: Faber and Faber; New York:
     Magico, 1947.
     De Waal: C9077
     U of M call number: PR4624 .W377x 1947
     Additional notes on various copies: Alternate title: The Sherlockian Atlas. Edition limited to 100
     copies. "The sketch on the contents page is by the old master, Frederic Dorr Steele, and this is its
     first appearance in print."--Foreword; Gift of Anthony Morley, presentation copy: from author to the
     Rev. Anthony Morley, 15 Dec. 1956; Presentation copy: from author to Russell McLauchlin; Copy
     inscribed by the author to Pete Martin (22 Feb. 53), edition statement changed by hand to read 4
     hundred copies; Copy inscribed by the author to L. S. Holstein (13 March 1954), edition statement
     changed by hand to read 4 hundred copies, plan for The Sign of the Four, Jonathan Small, Mahomet
     Singh, Abdullah Khan, Dost Akbam, with a note by Wolff, removed; Copy inscribed by the author
     to James Montgomery (Dec.? 1952), TLS to "Mr. Firmage"(31 Dec 1957), The Sign of the Four plan
     by Small and others, copy of the London map, removed; Copy inscribed by the author to Walter

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Klinefelter (1952), book plate of John Bennett Shaw; Copy inscribed by the author for John Bennett Shaw, book plate of John Bennett Shaw, edition statement changed by hand to read 3 hundred copies, lacking title label on front cover; Copy inscribed by the author to E. W. McDiarmid, edition statement changed by hand to read 4 hundred copies. Morley copy on display.

**Parodies and Pastiches**

De Waal: C21856
U of M call number: PS3545 .H6172
C37x 1940

De Waal: C21863
U of M call number: PS3552 .O895 G53x 1976
Additional note: John Bennett Shaw copy, first British edition, on display.

De Waal: C2159
U of M call number: PR6054 .O89 E9x 1954
Additional note: Starrett copy on display.

De Waal: C22871
U of M call number: PS648 .S3 S3542x 1960

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Additional note: Shaw copy, multiple book jackets (five), signed by the four members of the Council of Four.

107. ~~~~Derleth, August. IN RE: SHERLOCK HOLMES, THE ADVENTURES OF SOLAR PONS, Sauk City, Wis., Mycroft and Moran, 1945. Shaw made this additional notation in the 1983 revision: "This remarkable series of the cases of Solar Pons continued through seven more volumes and in 1982 a most valuable two volume set was published, THE SOLAR PONS OMNIBUS, Arkham House, Sauk City, Wisconsin."
De Waal: C21453
U of M call number: PS3507 .E69 I5x 1945
Additional notes: Rabe copy, signed by Derleth, on display.

De Waal: C21454
U of M call number: PS3507 .E69 M4 1951
Additional note: Rabe copy, signed by Derleth, on display.

109. ~~~~Derleth, August. THE RETURN OF SOLAR PONS, Sauk City, Wisconsin: Mycroft & Moran Publishers, 1958. These two titles were subsumed under the note above, allowing Shaw another two spaces on his list.
De Waal: C21458
U of M call number: PS3507 .E69 R48x 1958
Additional note: Rabe bookplate.

De Waal: C21652
U of M call number: PS3556 .I79 I53x 1966
Additional note: Shaw copy.

De Waal: C21654
U of M call number: PS3556 .I79 M4x 1974

De Waal: C22177
U of M call number: PR6057 .A63 R47x 1974

De Waal: C22179
U of M call number: PR6057 .A63 R48x 1975
Additional note: Shaw copy, signed by Gardner to Shaw, on display.

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De Waal: C22221
U of M call number: PS648 .D4 N47 1987
Additional note: Shaw copy.
115. - - - - Hall, Robert L. EXIT SHERLOCK HOLMES, New York: Scribner, 1977. This title is not listed in the 1978 revision.
De Waal: C22261
U of M call number: PS3558 .A3739 E95x 1977
Additional note: John Bennett Shaw bookplate.
De Waal: C22295
U of M call number: PR6058 .A673 P75x 1979
Additional note: Signed "For the Hench Collection, Michael Hardwick".
De Waal: C22334
U of M call number: PR6015 .E19 T3x 1941
Additional note: Hench copy.
De Waal: C22554
U of M call number: PS3561 .U647 I54x 1979
Additional note: John Bennett Shaw bookplate.
De Waal: C2901
U of M call number: PQ2623 .E24 A7813x 1910
Additional note: John Bennett Shaw bookplate.
120. - - - - Lewis, Arthur H. COPPER BEECHES, New York: Trident Press, 1971. This book was not included in the 1988 revision.
De Waal: C22628
U of M call number: PS3562 .E937 C67x 1971
De Waal: C22710
U of M call number: PS3563 .E88 S4x 1974
Additional note: John Bennett Shaw bookplate, review copy, inscribed to Shaw from Meyer, with signed photograph of Meyer.

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De Waal: C22715  
U of M call number: PS3563 .E88 W47 1976  
Additional note: Bill Rabe copy.  

123. Queen, Ellery (editor) THE MISADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES, Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1944. This title appeared in Shaw's 1977 list, was missing in the 1978 list, and added again in 1979.  
De Waal: C22910  
U of M call number: PN6071 .D45 M5 1944  
Additional note: Signed, "To Frederic Dorr Steele as ever, my best wishes 'Ellery Queen' (Fred Dannay)"

De Waal: C22912  
U of M call number: PS3533 .U4 S8X 1966  

De Waal: C23136  
U of M call number: PS3537 .T246 U55X 1920  

Periodicals

126. THE BAKER STREET GASOGENE. This title was mistakenly typed as THE BAKER STREET JOURNAL in the 1978 list, but corrected in the 1979 list.

127. THE BAKER STREET JOURNAL

128. BAKER STREET MISCELLANEA

129. THE PONTINE DOSSIER. Shaw made the following observation in the 1983 revision: "Luther Norris, the founder-editor-publisher of this journal died in January, 1978. There is some hope that it will be revived in 1983"  

130. THE SHERLOCK HOLMES JOURNAL

Shaw added this final note at the end of the 1983 revision:  
If one can count as high as 100 and one desires to do so he will discover that there are but 99 items on this Basic One Hundred list. The reason for this is that a most important book is announced for the Spring of 1983 and must be included. It is A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF A. CONAN DOYLE compiled by Richard Lancelyn Green and John Michael Gibson and with a Foreword by Graham Greene.  

A similar note was added by Shaw at the end of the 1987 revision:  
If one can count as high as 100 and if one desires to do so he will discover that there are but 99 on this Basic One Hundred list. The reason for this is that a most important book is announced for Summer 1987 and it will have to be included in the list when published. It is GOOD OLD INDEX by William D. Goodrich. This invaluable concordance was begun in Number 1 of The Baker Street Miscellanea and continued through Issue Number 24! It will be published by the Gasogene Press, Dubuque, Iowa.  

Two new Sherlockian periodicals have appeared, Volume 1, Number 1, of each is at hand. These are: The Sherlockian, A Quarterly Journal edited by Kelvin I. Jones, and The Sherlock Holmes Review edited by Steven T. Doyle. It may well be that one or both of these will justify inclusion in The Basic List when next revised."

Shaw noted further in 1988: "Interesting developments in the literature of The Holmesian World are the various items designed for computers. Especially noteworthy is AN ELECTRONIC HOLMES COMPANION published by PsyLogic Systems, Tolland, CT. This includes on software discs [sic] the complete Canon together with various programs of use to Holmesians.”

A final note was provided by Shaw in 1993: "Announced for publication is A Sherlock Holmes Handbook by Christopher Redmond that may well be included in A Basic One Hundred. I have not listed any of the many useful versions of The Complete Sherlock Holmes devised for computers on floppy disks and on CD-ROM discs."

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