

## The MIS-ADVENTURES of Sherlock Holmes

The high-spirited ten-part radio series parodying  
the characters of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.



**A** mazing, isn't it, how such an enthusiastic cult following has developed over this blithering idiot called Sherlock Holmes? At least, that's the wacky premise of the charming and very funny radio series THE MISADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES.

Imagine if you will that The Firesign Theatre had decided to continue spoofing Holmes after their classic THE GIANT RAT OF SUMATRA (a story also parodied in Misadventures) and you can begin to get an idea of this wonderfully whimsical, often dadaesque series. It seems Dr. John H. Watson once spilled a cup of Earl Gray over his diary, and has had to trust to memory to relate the adventures of his good friend and companion, Sherlock Holmes. Consequently, a number of story details have been heightened for

dramatic purposes. Thus, "The Five Orange Pips" was really what Holmes spit out in Orange, *A Study In Scarlet* was actually *A Study In Lavender*, and "The Blue Carbuncle" merely a blue car buckle. At least, the mystery of whether Watson was shot in the arm or the leg is at last cleared up. (It was both; he was shot while practicing yoga.)

These and other tales are revealed in 10 fun-filled episodes. Arthur Conan Doyle appears, to convince Watson that this boob called Holmes might be an interesting literary character for literature. Sherlock proves that he is, but not without major discomfort (like being locked in an insane asylum for 20 years) to Watson. Along the way, we encounter Jack The Ripper, Irene Adler, Professor Moriarty, Murray the Killer Bee, Sinbad the Sumatran Rodent of Great Size, Sigmund Freud, and William Gillette (who sounds like Sgt. Bilko).

# The Blue Car Buckle and Other Misadventures of Sherlock Holmes

Producer/writer/director Joe Bevilacqua got the idea for the series from his friend, the late, great voice artist Daws (Huckleberry Hound) Butler. The acting is top notch, with Vernon Morris as the befuddled Holmes, Henry J. Quinn as an exasperated Watson, the late Jan Meredith as a very feisty Mrs. Hudson, Ed Hyland as Moriarty; Gwendolyn Lewis and Terri Price (in different episodes) as Irene Adler, and Bevilacqua himself as variety of characters, including Conan Doyle, The Ripper, and Gillette. Other players bringing this skewed world to life include Scotty MacMelillo, Gary Beery, Ed Easton, William Melillo, B. H. Barry, and Joseph Cattalano.

THE MISADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (five CDs or cassettes at \$16 each) is available through [www.comedyorama.com](http://www.comedyorama.com).

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