

A scroll of aged, yellowish parchment is unrolled, showing a central rectangular area with a white border. Inside this border, the name "Conan Doyle" is written in a dark green, elegant cursive font. The parchment has a textured, slightly mottled appearance with some minor discoloration and a rough, torn edge at the top and bottom.

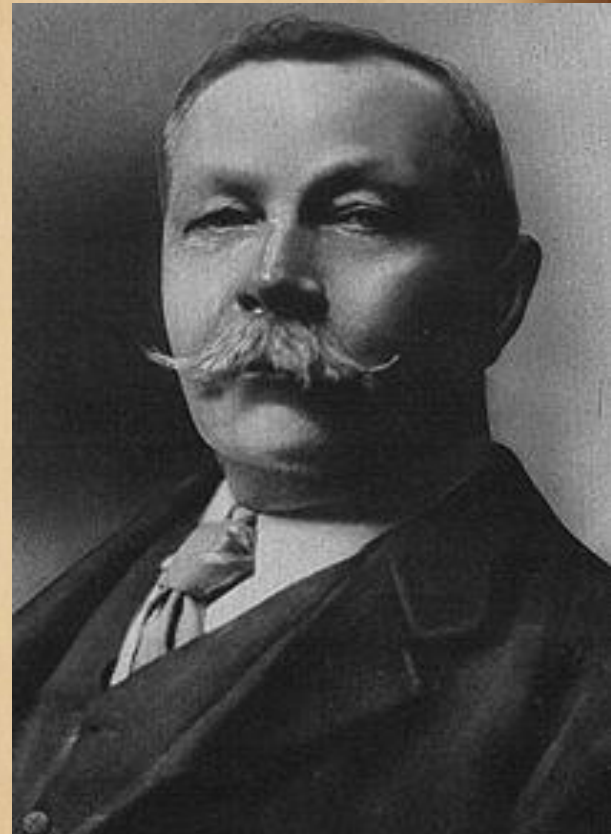
Conan Doyle

*Sir Arthur Ignatius
Conan Doyle*



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Early life

Arthur Conan Doyle was born as the third of ten siblings on 22 May 1859 in Edinburgh, Scotland.

His father, Charles Altamont Doyle, was born in England of Irish descent, and his mother, born Mary Foley, was Irish. They were married in 1855.



Early life

Although he is now referred to as "Conan Doyle", the origin of this compound surname (if that is how he meant it to be understood) is uncertain. The entry in which his baptism is recorded in the register of *St Mary's Cathedral* in Edinburgh gives 'Arthur Ignatius Conan' as his Christian name, and simply 'Doyle' as his surname. It also names Michael Conan as his godfather.

Conan Doyle was sent to the Roman Catholic Jesuit preparatory school Hodder Place, Stonyhurst, at the age of nine. He then went on to *Stonyhurst College* until 1875.

Early life

From 1876 to 1881 he studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh, including a period working in the town of Aston and in Sheffield.

While studying, Conan Doyle also began writing short stories; his first published story appeared in Chambers's Edinburg Journal before he was 20.

Following his term at university, he was employed as a ship's doctor on the *SS Mayumba* during a voyage to the West African coast.

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His first significant work, A Study in Scarlet, appeared in Beeton's Christmas Annual for 1887.

Origins of Sherlock Holmes

Sherlock Holmes were published in the English Stand Magazine. Interestingly enough, Robert Louis Stevenson was able, even in faraway Samoa, to recognise the strong similarity between Joseph Bell and Sherlock Holmes: *"My compliments on your very ingenious and very interesting adventures of Sherlock Holmes. ... Can this be my old friend Joe Bell?"* **Other authors sometimes suggest additional influences—for instance, the famous Edgard Allan Poe character C. Auguste Dupin.**



There are characters from Conan Doyle's stories



Marriages and family

In 1885 Conan Doyle married Louisa (or Louise) Hawkins, known as "Touie". She suffered from tuberculosis and died on 4 July 1906. The next year he married Jean Elizabeth Leckie, whom he had first met and fallen in love with in 1897. He had maintained a platonic relationship with Jean while his Louisa was still alive, out of loyalty to her. Jean died in London on 27 June 1940.

Conan Doyle fathered five children.

He had two with his first wife—Mary Louise and Arthur Alleyne Kingsley, known as Kingsley—and three with his second wife—Denis Percy Stewart, Adrian Malcolm and Jean Lena Annette.



*Conan Doyle's family in New York
1922*





*Doyle's study at Groombridge
Place*

On 28 October 1918 Kingsley Doyle died from pneumonia, which he contracted during his convalescence after being seriously wounded during the 1916 Battle of the Somme. Brigadier-General Innes Doyle died, also from pneumonia, in February 1919.



He died of a heart attack at age 71. His last words were directed toward his wife: "You are wonderful."

Grave of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle at Minstead, England



**Arthur Conan Doyle statue
in Crowborough**