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Special Movie Issue

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With the Academy Awards having been presented in March, we thought it might be interesting to look at the celluloid Holmes. He is, after all, the most filmed literary character. Grab a bag of popcorn and a box of Milk Duds because here is our tribute in both fact and fiction, frivolity and fancy to the man who can solve anything, except maybe the American political system. We hope you enjoy it.

The Papers on the Sundial

Six Degrees of Holmes

A favorite game in Hollywood is called "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon." Apparently, the actor Kevin Bacon can be linked with just about any other actor through six connections (or "degrees"). Can you connect Holmes with the five films nominated for Best Picture this year? We will tell you that the connections are either personal or film-related. We won't tell you how many connections it will take (although the largest number of links is four). Although our answers appear on Page 7, there may be other connections. If you find others, please let us know and we will publish them in an upcoming newsletter.

The nominees were:

American Beauty

The Sixth Sense

The Green Mile

The Cider House Rules

The Insider

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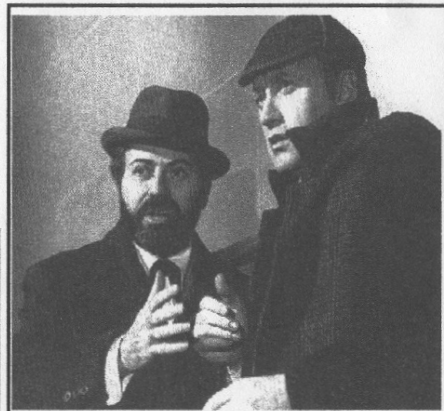
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"Careful, he's holding a gub."

The Cinematic Holmes

There are a number of interesting things about Holmes in the movies. For instance, did you know that

...The first film to feature Holmes was made in 1903 by Thomas Edison? It was called *Sherlock Holmes Baffled*.

...The first talking Holmes movie was made in 1929 and starred Clive Brock and H. Reeves-Smith?

...Basil Rathbone's first Sherlock Holmes movie was *The Hound of the Baskervilles* in 1939?

...there were three series of fifteen films each made between 1921 and 1923?

...Holmes has been played by John Barrymore, Arthur Wontner, Peter Cushing, Christopher Lee, Christopher Plummer and Michael Caine?

...Dr. Watson has been played by Ian Fleming, Robert Duvall, Dudley Moore, James Mason and Ben Kingsley?

...Professor Moriarty has been played by John Huston and Laurence Olivier?

Thanks to Matthew Bunson's *Encyclopedia Sherlockiana* for references.

Thanks also to Tom Takach for his timely submissions.

Movies We Would Like to See

The Maltese Carbuncle. Taylor, Jackie Chan, *I Know What You Did on*
Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Elizabeth Taylor. Holmes *the Moor.* Drew
Bacall. Holmes is baffled by and Watson journey to Barrymore, Bruce Willis,
a series of tobacco store China to investigate the Jeff Goldblum. When
robberies, until he traces connection between a Holmes is framed for killing
them to Lazlo Moriarty. jellyfish and a missing pair a butterfly collector,

Bedtime for Lestrade. Fred of nunchuks. Watson must match wits
MacMurray, Irene Ryan, *All the Royalty's Men.* with Scotland Yard.
Mickey Rooney. The Clark Gable, Betty Grable, Features a fine cameo by
Scotland Yard detective goes Sterling Holloway. When Gene Hackman.

back to school to solve the Queen Victoria is accused of *Me, Myself and Irene.*
disappearance of a secretly recording Jim Carey, Renee
chimpanzee and an old conversations using a Zellweger. After Godfrey
fraternity brother—but which roomful of stenographers, Norton gets hit on the head,
is which? Holmes must come to her Irene Adler must cope with
his multiple personalities.

Enter the Cyanea, Rip rescue.



*Who Was She?
Where Did She Come From?
What Did She Want from the
Good Doctor?*

Paramount Pictures Presents
A Robert Redford Film

The First Wife

VARIETY SAYS HOLMES HYSTERICAL, WHODUNIT HEADLINES

The American Film Institute (AFI) recently ran a program featuring the 100 funniest films "of all time" (but in actuality it was probably within the last 100 years or so). According to the board that selected the films, *Sherlock Jr.* was among these. Made in 1924, it starred and was directed by Buster Keaton.

According to the *Encyclopedia Sherlockiana*, "Keaton plays a cinema projectionist who falls asleep and has a dream that he actually walks on to the screen, eventually becoming the detective who solves a mystery that occurs while he is awake. The Holmesian references include the use of a magnifying lens and the wearing of a top hat, an image tied probably to John Barrymore's performance in 1922 as the Great Detective."

The *Film Encyclopedia* describes it as this: "Keaton's maturing virtuosity as a director is again demonstrated in *Sherlock Jr.*..., which finds the comedian roaming between dream and reality in the role of a projectionist in a motion picture theater who hallucinates about becoming involved in the action on the screen."

Other films of note that joined *Sherlock Jr.* on AFI's list include such comedy classics as *MASH*, *Young Frankenstein*, *Modern Times*, *Adam's Rib*, *A Day at the Races*, *The Seven Year Itch*, *Big*, *It Happened One Night*, *Dr. Strangelove*, *Annie Hall*, *Blazing Saddles*, *City Lights*, *Harvey*, *Horse Feathers*, *The Court Jester* and *Some Like It Hot*.

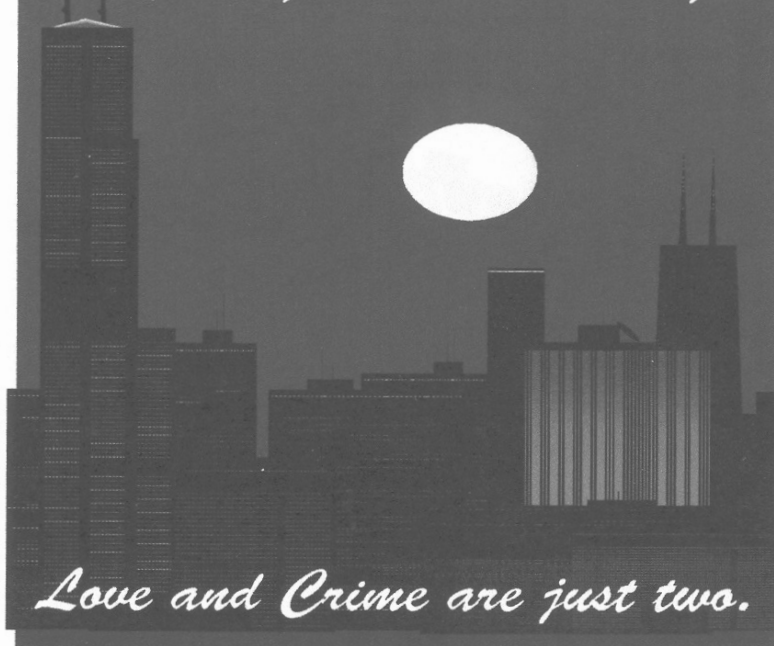


Write the Captions

Send us your humorous, pithy or poignant suggestions for Photo A above and/or Photo B below (Get it? A—above, B—below? Help me, please.) We'll publish the responses in an upcoming issue—if I receive that help.



Many things come out at night....



Love and Crime are just two.

Imagine Entertainment Presents

A Brian Grazer Production

A Ron Howard Film

Vanderbilt & the Yeggman

Mel Gibson Angelina Jolie John Cleese Mary Tyler Moore

Music by Jerry Goldsmith Associate Producer Christy Ferguson

Film Editors Mike Hill and Dan Hanley

Production Designer Michael Corenblith Costume Designer Rita Ryack

Director of Photography Richard Clabaugh

Special Visual Effects by Industrial Light and Magic Executive Producer

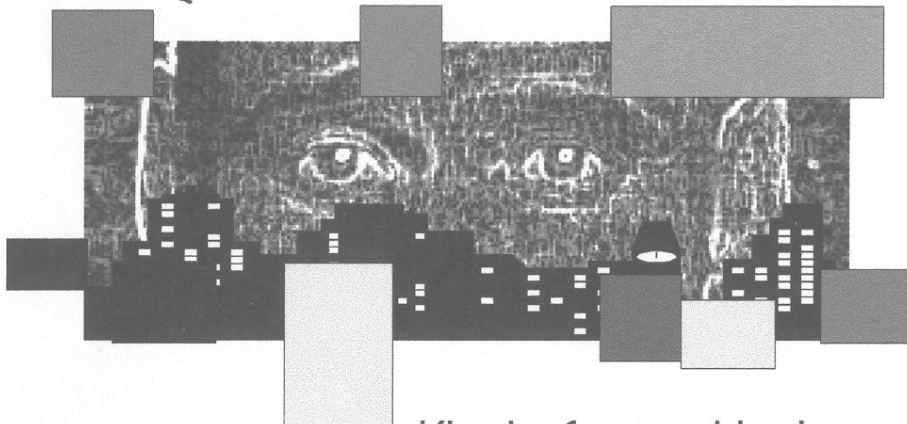
Prosonby Britt Screenplay by Babaloo Mandel & William Goldman

Produced by Brian Grazer Directed by Ron Howard

A Universal Picture

Jim Carey is

Inspector Baines



Kinda funny, kinda not

USA Today

Hysterically Inane

Newsweek

Who makes this stuff anyway?

Time Magazine

Warner Brothers Presents
A James Cameron Film

Jim Carey Gwyneth Paltrow Jason Robards

Inspector Baines

Movies We Would Not Like to See

<i>Adventures in the Oval Office.</i> Robert Preston, Charlton Heston, Kelly Preston.	stalked through the capitals of Europe by a demented Pink Floyd groupie.	try to solve the mystery of senatorial qualifications.
<i>Hound Cemetery.</i> Tom Cruise, Farrah Fawcett, Jack Palance.	sequence set to Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto, Goofy dons deerstalker and inverness to seek out Moriarty (Scrooge McDuck).	<i>It's a Holmesian, Holmesian, Holmesian, Holmesian World.</i> Max Baer, Dick Van Dyke, Angela Lansbury.
In an adaptation of Stephen King's novella, the Hound of the Baskervilles is reincarnated as a Used Car Salesman.		Aging TV stars find a tin dispatch box under the Big H.
<i>A Scream in Bohemia.</i> Nicole Kidman, Nicol Williamson.	On the streets of New York, Holmes and Watson learn how to rap and dance as they	<i>There's Something About Watson.</i> The Sutherland Family, the Carradine Family, the Bridges Family.
Irene Adler is		Sight gags rein supreme in this teen comedy set in Ft. Lee, New Jersey.

Answers to "Six Degrees of Holmes"

American Beauty: Annette Bening starred; she is married to Warren Beatty; Warren Beatty starred in *Bonnie and Clyde*; Gene Wilder had a small role in *Bonnie and Clyde*; Gene Wilder starred as Mycroft Holmes in *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes' Smarter Brother*.

The Sixth Sense: Bruce Willis starred; he played opposite Meryl Streep in *Death Becomes Her*; Meryl Streep won an Oscar for her role in *Kramer vs. Kramer* with Dustin Hoffman; Dustin Hoffman was Laurence Olivier's adversary in *Marathon Man*; Lord Larry played Moriarty in *The Seven Percent Solution*.

The Green Mile: Tom Hanks starred; he also starred in *Saving Private Ryan*; *Saving Private Ryan* was directed by Steven Spielberg; Steven Spielberg was Executive Producer of *Young Sherlock Holmes*.

The Cider House Rules: Michael Caine starred; Mr. Caine also appeared in *Without A Clue*

The Insider: Al Pacino starred; Al was in *The Godfather* with Robert Duvall; Robert Duvall was in *The Seven Percent Solution*.

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