

**KELLEY DOCUMENTS
SHERLOCK HOLMES**



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Gordon E. Kelley became his own "resident expert" on the many incarnations of Sherlock Holmes while trying to sort out programs featuring the famed master sleuth of fiction for the vintage radio collection he had turned into the weekly *Radio Theatre* for the University of Southern Indiana radio station, WSWI.

Kelley's Holmes expertise has now grown into a book -- *Sherlock Holmes: Screen and Sound Guide* -- due out in January from Scarecrow Press, Inc., in Metuchen, New Jersey. The associate dean of USI's School of Nursing and Health Professions isn't sure what the book will bring but doubts it will be anything more surprising than the Holmes facts he accumulated, such facts as:

- Sherlock Holmes has appeared in every form of public entertainment since his creation by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in 1887, and new stories continue to appear with regularity.
- In addition to his native England, Holmes still solves mysteries on the air in the U.S., Canada, South Africa, Australia, and Japan.
- There are thousands of people who are interested in Sherlock Holmes, including the more than 600 Sherlock Holmes societies in the world.

Kelley figures that leaves a lot of room for discussion, and maybe occasional disagreement over the facts. He is willing to discuss his Holmes facts with anyone who is interested but isn't sure what the future holds if, for example, all the 600-plus societies would want to talk with him about the book.

Kelley started making lists of Holmes data after finding a proliferation of programs but no documentation. It was not unusual for him to receive duplicate Sherlock Holmes programs and usually, no list of actors, dates the programs aired, or even titles.

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Kelley collected the vintage radio programs as a hobby, but when the University received its own radio station, he turned the hobby into a weekend avocation, hosting two hours of *Radio Theatre* each Saturday for eight years. Sherlock Holmes was a regular and Kelley needed to be able to tell his listeners who they were listening to, and when the program first aired.

Doyle's Holmes originally appeared in 56 short stories and four novels. Kelley chronologically names and summarizes plots for those and each new story he has found -- in motion pictures, radio, television, recordings, and computer programs. Kelley called the latter two "afterthoughts," added after he discovered Holmes in talking books and computer games.

His list was invaluable to him. He found others who agreed, and sold a few copies. Then it occurred to him there might be a wider interest and he contacted some publishers. Scarecrow was interested and persuaded him to turn his information into the 300-page book due out next month.