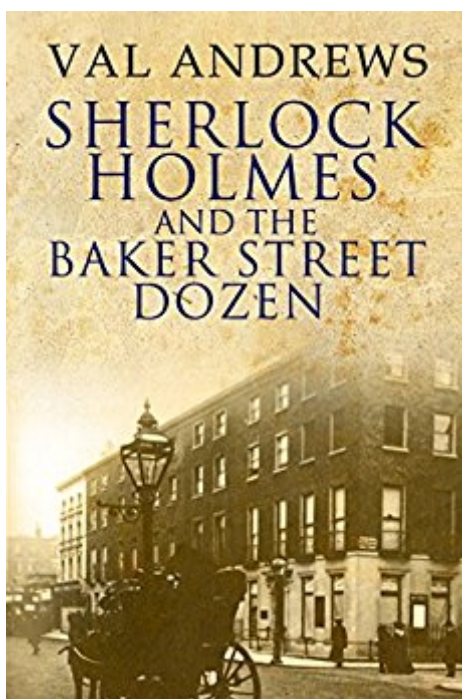


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# Sherlock Holmes And The Baker Street Dozen



## Synopsis

Join one of the world's greatest detectives and his assistant as they help to solve the unsolvable with Lestrade and his team at the metropolitan police. Follow Holmes and Watson as they traverse the streets of London and take on cases from the most unlikely of clients in these thirteen short mysteries.

In Val Andrews' *Sherlock Holmes and the Baker Street Dozen* you will find marvellous tales of intrigue and mystery....

*The Lobster Quadrille* Colonel Archibald Fanshawe, from Watson's Afghanistan days, bumps into his old comrade and proceeds to invite Watson and Holmes for dinner with him and his wife. As the dinner is in full swing and the main course gets underway it is apparent to Holmes that something is afoot after Fanshawe falls gravely ill at dinner.

*The Gantry Point Wreckers* Take a trip away from Baker Street whilst Holmes recuperates on doctor's orders and has some well-earned rest in the North Devon town of Bideford. Not too long after arriving in the town Holmes' rested mind begins to work overtime as he soon begins unravelling the mystery of sinking ships in the next town along.

*Sherlock Holmes and the Gypsy Switch* Mrs Joan Moran's trip out to Streatham to ogle at Middle Eastern oddities culminates in a new case for Holmes and Watson. They must discover how her husband, who has been dead for some time, is able to gift her with gold coins from beyond the grave in this chilling tale.

*The Kinema Mystery* In an unusual case Holmes must save the owner of several kinemas from a thief who is able to walk through walls and disappear without a trace. Leaving in their wake a series of robberies targeting the kinema owner and stealing valuable objects, Holmes must use all his nous to solve this case.

*The Baker Street Conjuror* George Dean, proprietor and owner of the tavern *Cold Cut and Tankard* requires the help of Holmes and Watson to ascertain how a conjurer who entertains his paying guests may or may not be magically stealing his earnings from right under his nose.

Plus many more stories. *Sherlock Holmes and the Baker Street Dozen* is a new collection from Val Andrews that is packed full of vibrant tales of London's finest detective.

Val Andrews (15 February 1926 – 12 December 2006) was a music hall artist, ventriloquist and writer. Andrews was a prolific writer on magic, having published over 1000 books and booklets from 1952. He also authored Sherlock Holmes pastiches and Houdini's novels.

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Sherlock Holmes and the Baker Street Dozen by Val Andrews My thanks go out to Georgina Cutler at Endeavor Press for my Kindle copy of this book. Val Andrews has written some Holmes fiction that is so good that they compare favorably with the original canon. This is NOT one of those books. The 13 stories featured in this book are not up to Andrews' usual polish and plotting. They are very short and the mysteries far too easy to solve. Every author is entitled to an off day; a run of writer's block; or a time when things just won't gel together like he or she would wish. This is one of those times. I give this little volume only two stars. [The stories run thus: Spoilers, if that is even possible] The Kinema Mystery • involves the early days of motion pictures. Someone is stealing expensive cigars from the concession stand. The method is simply too easy. The Strange Case of the Burmese Jungle Fowl • features Mr. Chapman, an early case of Holmes who has reformed and is now in the business of importing exotic birds and animals. Someone is stealing his shipment of Burmese Jungle Fowl, which may be the ancestor of common chickens. There is a restaurant next door. The Incident of the Baker's Watch • tells of George Barret, a former Irregular. George served in the army during the Boer War, was wounded, and became a baker. He inherited a watch that doesn't work and that he cannot open, but which someone tries

to steal. He also was left a stamp collectionââ All This and the Giant Rat of Sumatraââ is perhaps the worst version of this tale ââ for which the world is not yet preparedââ I have ever read. Itââs a Nutria for pityââs sake!

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