

# Sherlock Modernized

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Today we see many works across mediums, from board games to theatre, inspired by the Sherlock Holmes canon. Examples include the British film comedy *Without a Clue* (1988); Canadian television series "The Adventures of Shirley Holmes" (1996-1999); and American series "Psych" (2006-2014). Another variation is "House" (2004-2012), a television drama in which a doctor solves mysteries of medicine, rather than those of crime. In the series, Dr. House uses his incredible deduction skills to diagnose rare medical cases while, like Sherlock Holmes, secretly battling an addiction to prescription drugs. House also finds solace in playing music, as well as in the company of his sole close friend (and Dr. John Watson doppelganger) Dr. James Wilson.

Sherlock Holmes has had a huge revival in television and film in recent years. In the television show "Elementary" (2012-present), Lucy Liu plays Doctor Joan Watson, in one of the few non-comedic Holmes adaptations to gender-bend its characters. Guy Ritchie's *Sherlock Holmes* film series, starring Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law, is set for its third installment, which has a tentative release date of 2019. The BBC has also developed a popular television version called "Sherlock" (2010-present), which incorporates more technological elements and stars Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman as the detective duo.

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