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## The Improbable Adventures of SHERLOCK HOLMES

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Sherlock Holmes is back!

Sherlock Holmes, the world's first—and most famous—consulting detective, came to the world's attention more than 120 years ago through Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's novels and stories. But Conan Doyle didn't reveal *all* of the Great Detective's adventures...

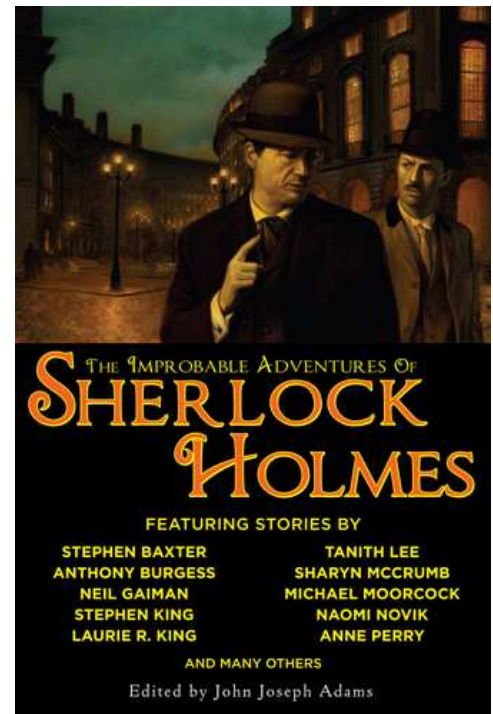
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Whether it's mystery, fantasy, horror, or science fiction, no puzzle is too challenging for the Great Detective. The game is afoot!



## ABOUT THE EDITOR

John Joseph Adams is the editor of the anthologies *By Blood We Live*, *Federations*, *The Living Dead*, *Seeds of Change*, and *Wastelands: Stories of the Apocalypse*. Forthcoming work includes the anthologies *Brave New Worlds*, *The Living Dead 2*, *The Mad Scientist's Guide to World Domination*, and *The Way of the Wizard*. He is also the assistant editor at *The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction*.

He is a columnist for Tor.com and has written reviews for *Kirkus Reviews*, *Publishers Weekly*, and Orson Scott Card's *Intergalactic Medicine Show*. His non-fiction has also appeared in: *Amazing Stories*, *The Internet Review of Science Fiction*, *Locus Magazine*, *Novel & Short Story Writers Market*, *Science Fiction Weekly*, *SCI FI Wire*, *Shimmer*, *Strange Horizons*, *Subterranean Magazine*, and *Writer's Digest*. For more, visit his website at [www.johnjosephadams.com](http://www.johnjosephadams.com).

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