Introduction

Sherlock Holmes, the iconic fictional English detective that he was, had a lot to teach modern-day lawyers about logical reasoning and forensic science. The popular and well-beloved creation of the Scottish author and physician Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Sherlock Holmes was an immediate success after he first appeared in print in 1887. Doyle went on to write four novels and 56 short stories about the intellectual exploits of Holmes, and almost all of them were narrated by the renowned and amiable Dr. Watson.

Of course, Doyle was a prolific writer who penned many other novels, plays, and poems. I’ve included entries from several of these other works, as well. Perhaps readers will be encouraged to explore Doyle’s other writings. My hope is that you will find this collection of wit and wisdom to be interesting, illuminating, and yes, even . . . elementary.