

## The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes Character Descriptions

Below is a brief description of each character. Any information listed is how the characters appear onstage and do not necessarily have to match the description of the actor.

Some roles may be played by the same actor. All roles are open to any gender, ethnicity, etc.

CHARACTERS:

**Dr. John Watson (30s-40s):** modest and intelligent. He is a patient and sensitive observer, but his detecting capabilities are no match for the lightning-swift deductive reasoning of Holmes. The opposite of Holmes.

**Sherlock Holmes (30s-40s):** not fond of other people, ridiculously smart, working unofficially to fight crime, very blunt, and wicked smart. He is theatrical.

**Peterson (20s-80s):** hotel employee and friend of Holmes's who brings him the hat and the goose that belong to Henry Baker.

**Henry Baker (60-80s):** an elderly, poor man whose loss of a hat and a goose is what first pulls Holmes into the case of the Blue Carbuncle.

**Landlord (30s-80s):** owner of the Alpine Inn.

**Breckinridge (20s-40s):** sells the geese as part of a Club where Henry Baker and landlord shop. Short-tempered when told he is wrong.

**Little Man (late teens-30s):** an attendant at the Hotel Cosmopolitan in London. He stole the Blue Carbuncle, a precious jewel, from its owner. Unlikely to become a career criminal.

**John (late teens-early 20s):** young man whose father and uncle have both died under mysterious circumstances after receiving an envelope containing five orange seeds.

**John's Father (40s-60s):** first heir to Elias Openshaw's fortune after his brother's mysterious death.

**Vicar (30s-60s):** local clergyperson

**Mortimer (30s-60s):** a local gentleperson

**Sterndale (30s-60s):** the famous hunter and explorer

**Violet (late teens-early 20s):** a governess and Holmes's client.

**Mr. Rucastle (30s-50s):** Hunter's employer. An apparently friendly man with a terrible, terrible temper.

**Miss Stoper (30s-50s):** owner of agency employed by Mr. Rucastle to find a governess.

**Mrs. Rucastle (20s-30s):** Mr. Rucastle's second wife, fanatically devoted to him and to their young son.

**Toller (40s-80s):** a family servant, always drunk.

**Mrs. Toller (40s-80s):** a family servant, loyal to Miss Alice Rucastle (Mr. Rucastle's daughter from the first wife).