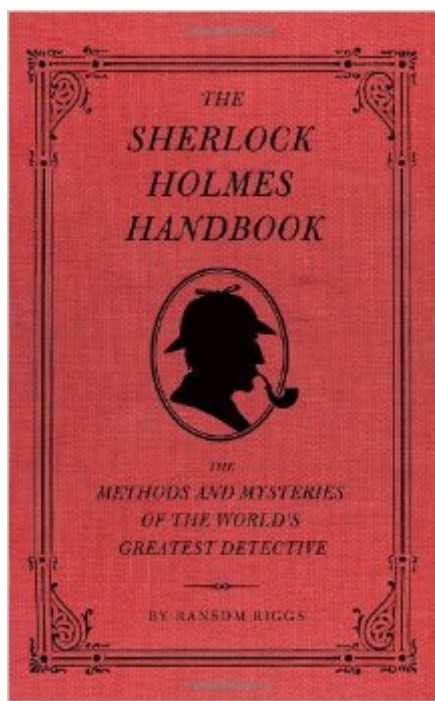


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# The Sherlock Holmes Handbook



## Synopsis

“My name is Sherlock Holmes. It is my business to know what other people don’t know.”

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Ransom Riggs has abridged the Sherlock Holmes experience into something digestible in a single lunch break. There are codebreaking tips, ways to outwit criminal masterminds and their henchmen. I especially enjoyed reading about Holmes’ eclectic and myriad disguises (hint: a life-size statue of yourself is a brilliant prop, although most people will find this out of their price range). Need to fake your death? No problem. But if you can’t reach a ledge near the cliff, aim for deep water and rush for the shore. Do everything you can to maximise your chances of survival. Never make contact with even your closest friends and confidantes. They may inadvertently reveal your survival to your enemies with an unconscious facial expression. Best to lie very, very low (underground in another

continent, if possible) until everything blows over. There are even brief insights into two notorious criminals who ran the London underworld to a large extent (one of these was a corrupt cop who used his connections to "return" stolen property and dispense lenient sentences to his pickpocket underlings). Dealing with women, children and royalty must be done with the utmost care. The nuances of French princes will differ from that of African sovereigns and Arabian sultans, and you insult them at your own peril. Women can reach zeniths of ire upon betrayal, so fabricate affairs and engagements with velvet gloves. Children should never be looked down upon. They can betray you just as easily as adults can, but they can be peerless sources of information and exemplary spies. They can hide in plain sight and eavesdrop without attracting too much unwanted attention. This introduction to Psychology 101 is fun for all ages.

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