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**Sherlock Holmes**  
Volume 3

**Sir JOHN GIELGUD**      **Sir RALPH RICHARDSON**

original radio dramas first broadcast 1954

# **THE CLASSIC SHERLOCK HOLMES**

## **Volume 3**

### **Disc 1**

#### **1 The Solitary Cyclist**

In one of the most intriguing of the mysteries, Holmes helps a young woman in trouble from a seemingly phantom follower, following the death of a rich uncle.

#### **2 The Six Napoleons**

From an original story entitled "The Adventure of the Six Napoleons", this tale shows how Holmes tracks down a precious gem, secreted by a clever jewel thief in a supposedly perfect hiding-place.

### **Disc 2**

#### **1 The Red-headed League**

In this story, a strange and curious society of red-headed men leads Holmes to stumble upon plans for a bank robbery.

#### **2 A Case of Identity**

Here, a conniving man indulges in a ruthless scheme to acquire his step-daughter's inheritance - until Holmes comes upon the scene.

Mr. Sherlock Holmes is played by **Sir John Gielgud**  
and Dr. John Watson by **Sir Ralph Richardson**

The 16 episodes of 'Sherlock Holmes' starring Gielgud and Richardson were produced by Harry Alan Towers (1920-2009) for his 'Towers of London' company. They were first broadcast on the old BBC Light Programme in 1954, and by NBC in 1955; they are still regarded by many as the definitive Holmes series. Heritage Media acquired exclusive distribution rights to the series from Towers in 1994; the series was licensed for several years with great success to Hodder Headline and reverted to Heritage at the end of 2009.

The scripts were written by John Keir Cross, closely following the original stories of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, but renaming some of them. The music for the productions was composed by Sydney Torch, with the famous violin cadenzas played by Alfredo Campoli. Other actors appearing included Robert Rietti, and John Gielgud's brother Val (later Director of Drama at the BBC), who played Mycroft Holmes. Orson Welles took the part of Professor Moriarty. Quite possibly other 'big names' on the BBC roster appeared in the series anonymously too.

The recordings were carefully remastered so as not to detract from the ambience of the original performances.

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### Disc 1

1 *The Solitary Cyclist* 27.45

2 *The Six Napoleons* 27.42

### Disc 2

1 *The Red-headed League* 21.58

2 *A Case of Identity* 25.06

**SIR JOHN GIELGUD**

as Sherlock Holmes

**SIR RALPH RICHARDSON**

as Dr. John Watson

*First broadcast in the UK on the BBC 'Light programme' in late 1954  
and in the USA on NBC in early 1955.*

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