

**A Toast to Sherlock Holmes the Consulting Detective
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How does one find the right words to toast the man Sherlock Holmes; the consulting detective he is quick to remind us of this fact.

- The man, that shall not be out witted by anyone of flesh and bone.
- The man, filled with so much skepticism that he will make you a believer, beyond any reasonable doubt.
- The man, who feels that *“love”* is an unnecessary expense that we put ourselves through, but he himself has loved – *“the woman”*.
- The man, who comes to admire his enemies’ foolish attempts to overthrow and outwit him; if they deem themselves so worthy.
- The man, who is known to all as *“the great detective”*; the commoner in need, the criminal mastermind that wants to make him bleed, and law enforcement who reluctantly call upon him when stumped.
- The man, known for his keen ability to observe beyond what we actually see, his methods we all tend to question, his brash personality is off-putting to so many, his results however, we cannot deny, nor question.
- The man, who has made friends, foes, admirers and enemies far and wide, no matter the test, nor the request, and even the reluctant call, he responds.

So, raise you glass to the Man, the Myth, the Legend – Sherlock Holmes