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## His Last Bow

*Arthur Conan Doyle (1859 - 1930)*

Read by: David Clarke      Length: 7 hours and 9 minutes  
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**His Last Bow** is the fourth collection of stories featuring the master sleuth Sherlock Holmes, published in 1917. The first six were published in *The Strand Magazine* between 1908 and 1913. The first story, “The Adventure of Wisteria Lodge”, is in two parts: “The Singular Experience of Mr. John Scott Eccles” and “The Tiger of San Pedro”. The final story, an epilogue on the subject of Holmes’ war service, “His Last Bow: The War Service of Sherlock Holmes”, was published by *Collier’s Magazine* in September 1917, a month before the release of the book. The book was adapted for BBC Radio in the early 1990’s as part of its complete radio production of the Sherlock Holmes canon by Bert Coules.

**Sir Arthur Conan Doyle** was a Scottish writer and physician best known for his novels and stories featuring consulting detective Sherlock Holmes. He was born in Edinburgh to a family of Irish Catholic descent that struggled with poverty and alcoholism. Arthur was supported by wealthy uncles and educated at Jesuit schools before attending the University of Edinburgh Medical School, where he began writing and submitting both fiction and non-fiction to periodicals. The character of Sherlock Holmes is partly modeled on university instructor Joseph Bell. He served as a ship’s doctor on two voyages before establishing private practices in Plymouth and then Portsmouth. The first Sherlock Holmes novel, *A Study In Scarlet*, appeared in 1886 and was followed by *The Sign of Four* in 1890, establishing his literary career. Seeking to pursue more serious work, he famously attempted to end the Holmes series in 1893 with his death in “The Final Problem”, but was summoned back by public acclaim. Doyle was an active sportsman, fathered five children in two marriages, and was known for his work in attempting to correct injustices and for his lively interest in spiritualism.

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