

## **ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE AS THE ORIGINATOR OF THE UPDATED DETECTIVE GENRE**

Modern scholars refer detective genre to popular literature.

Literary views of Arthur Conan Doyle were formed under the influence of neo-romantic consciousness and scientific progress. The central character of his short stories "*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson*" demonstrates a scientific approach to practical matters combined with lyrical soul.

**The relevance of this article** is that the issue of the updated detective genre has not been sufficiently studied.

**The aim of this work** is to investigate an updated genre of the detective stories based on "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson".

Arthur Conan Doyle is known as an inventor of a new image in the world of detective stories. The writer brings a lot of updated notions into the genre of detective stories, for example, the element of humour into the collection of works "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson". A. Conan Doyle uses irony, humour, jokes and sarcasm in his works. For example:

**Watson:** *It's the solar system!*

**Sherlock:** *Oh hell, what does it matter? So we go round the sun. If we went round the moon or round and round the garden like a teddy bear, it wouldn't make any difference. All that matters to me is the work.*

The example mentioned above highlights weakness of the character because only weakness makes the character "alive". Another innovation is that Holmes inheres compassion and kindness, qualities that are not common for his predecessors.

The author emphasizes on his novelty using different literary techniques.

In our research we would like to reveal several peculiarities of A.C. Doyle's contribution.

1. A new character possesses poetic character traits, mystery, thoughtfulness along with rational thinking. We see a new image that combines emotional and rational levels.

2. Arthur Conan-Doyle has updated methods of solving riddles, puzzles, various mysteries in the book, synthesized knowledge of different life spheres: medicine, chemistry, biology, etc.

3. The author does not describe just the crime, he gives a detailed analysis of the situation and characteristics of human nature, the triumph of logical investigation leads to the only right decision. The process is important but not the result.

4. The method of deduction predominates in the book. The author uses it as the main way of solving mysteries which is at the same time based on induction.

5. The element of humour is present in his collection of works. He uses irony, sarcasm, jokes in order to underline a certain character.

**Conclusions.** By creating Sherlock Holmes, Doyle entered the genre of modern detective story that emerged in the middle of the nineteenth century with stories of Edgar Allan Poe and its followers. The novelty that Doyle brought to the genre came with the scientific mind of his detective. Holmes's reliance of science and rationality was a celebration of newly formed concepts that introduced science as the new metaphysics replacing the traditional religion beliefs of Creationism. Doyle, who was a great supporter of these new ideas, used Holmes as a bearer of the message that science is capable of explaining mysteries of our world.

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