

2017 Norwegian Explorers Christmas Annual and Sigerson Awards

The Norwegian Explorers of Minnesota will once again publish a Christmas Annual in conjunction with our annual dinner in December, which includes light-hearted awards for best contributions. This dual entry form can be used to submit entries for the 2017 Christmas Annual and for the possibility of receiving one of our coveted Sigerson Awards, if you wish to be included for consideration. The Christmas Annual will be distributed to attendees at our annual dinner as well as to those attending the Baker Street Irregulars Annual Dinner and the Gaslight Gala during the Sherlock Holmes Birthday weekend in New York. The Sigerson Awards will be presented at the Norwegian Explorers' annual dinner.

"Fame and fortune." They are a good combination of words. How do they apply to Sherlock Holmes? In "Black Peter" Watson wrote: "His increasing fame had brought with it an immense practice, and I should be guilty of an indiscretion if I were to hint at the identity of some of the illustrious clients who crossed our humble threshold in Baker Street." Holmes is the most famous detective in the world, with his hat, deerstalker and lens recognizable even by people who have never read details of his exploits. His address is equally well known. As for fortune, he does not appear to have accumulated much wealth in his chosen profession, but perhaps he had fortune to match his fame after all. With all this in mind, we are pleased to announce the theme of this year's Christmas Annual:

Fame and Fortune in the Canon

We invite contributors to write/speculate/present ideas inspired by this topic, which could involve contemplation of how Holmes and Watson dealt with the stories appearing in The Strand Magazine, the value of treasures Holmes recovered, or what happened to a character after completion of a case. There is much that could be covered with "fame and fortune" but we will also consider submissions that fall outside of the theme.

We look forward to seeing what you come up with!

Suggested Categories for Submissions (2000 word maximum):

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| 1. Article or essay | 5. Joke |
| 2. Poem | 6. Illustration / Artwork |
| 3. Cartoon | 7. Quiz |
| 4. Sherlockian or Doylean review | 8. Pastiche |

Rules for Submissions:

1. You must be a member of The Norwegian Explorers (local or corresponding). If you are not yet a member, a link to our membership form is located on our website: www.norwegianexplorers.org
2. Entries must be received by Friday, October 6, 2017.
3. Submit electronic versions of papers (Microsoft Word preferred) to: ray@PULPlications.com
You should receive a reply e-mail within two days from Ray Riethmeier or Phil Bergem acknowledging the successful receipt of your submission. Please include the registration information (below) with your submission. Mailing a paper copy of your entry is not required, but if you prefer to do so, use this address: Ray Riethmeier, 12015 Townview Road, Minnetonka, MN 55343.
4. All entries must be the original work of the contributor, and must not have had any prior publication.
5. Contributors with submissions published in our Christmas Annual will continue to retain all rights to have their work published elsewhere.
6. Physical entries will be returned only if return postage is provided by the contributor.
7. Multiple entries may be submitted for each category.
8. The Norwegian Explorers accept no responsibility for the safety of a submitted original illustration or cartoon; copies may be submitted.
9. Judges will be selected by the Norwegian Explorers. Decisions of the judges are final.
10. Winners of the Sigerson Award will be announced at the Annual Meeting in December. Absentees will be notified by email.

Registration Information

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Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Submission for: Christmas Annual _____
(check one or both) Sigerson Awards _____