

# KEY DATES



Illustration from Conan Doyle's 'The Silver Blaze' (City of Westminster Libraries).

YEAR	DARWIN	CONAN DOYLE	OTHER EVENTS
1809	Born in Shrewsbury		Fulton's steamboat
1825	University of Edinburgh		Stockton & Darlington Railway
1828	University of Cambridge		Wellington becomes PM
1831	Graduates. <i>Beagle</i> departs Plymouth		Reform Bill riots
1836	<i>Beagle</i> returns		Battle of Alamo
1839	Marries Emma. First child born		Chartist riots
1842	Moves to Down House		Britain acquires Hong Kong
1851	Death of daughter Anne		Great Exhibition
1859	<i>On the Origin of Species</i>	Born in Edinburgh	Deaths of Stephenson and Brunel
1868	<i>Variation of Animals and Plants</i>	Starts boarding school	Gladstone becomes PM
1876	Writes autobiography	University of Edinburgh	Bell patents telephone
1879	Biography of grandfather published	First story and first non-fiction published	Zulu rebellion

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1881	Revises his autobiography	Graduates Bachelor of Medicine (CM)	End of first Boer War
1882	Dies	Plymouth. Southsea	<i>Treasure Island</i>
1885		Marries Louise. Graduates MD	Benz Patent motorcar
1887	<i>Life and Letters</i> published	'A Study in Scarlet'	Golden Jubilee
1891		Full-time writer	Edison's kinetoscope
1895		Visits Egypt	Dreyfus Affair
1900		Serves in Boer War	Relief of Mafeking
1901		'The Hound of the Baskervilles'	Death of Victoria
1907		Marries Jean	New Zealand independent dominion
1912		<i>The Lost World</i> book	Titanic sinks
1917		Speaks publicly on spiritualism	Russian Revolution
1918		Son Kingsley dies	End of World War One
1920		Cottingley fairies	Prohibition in USA
1925		<i>The Lost World</i> film	Scopes' 'Monkey Trial'
1930		Dies	Gandhi leads salt protest