

Industry and Empire: Victoria Literature On Screen



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Welcome to week seven of *Industry and Empire*. This week, we'll be considering one author whose signature creation has burst the bounds of the Victoria age, largely through the sheer number of adaptations that have shuffled the Great Detective, Sherlock Holmes through the decade. Nonetheless, in his original form Holmes defines the Victorian age in our minds like no other single character. But that's not the full extent of what Conan Doyle brought to the table by any means.

In the case of Nathaniel Hawthorne, it is his novel *The Scarlet Letter* that has lingered most strongly, with its story of Hester Prynne an excellent example of Hawthorne's dark romanticism and historical tales of morality. As we will see with the modern riff on the story *Easy A*, it's also a telling version of how the contradictions of supposed Victorian values continue to have an impact on both modern storytelling and modern life.

Finally, we'll look at Frances Hodgson Burnett, perhaps best known for her post-Victorian novel *The Secret Garden*, but whose early work falls into the period. A British-American novelist and playwright, her most famous work such as *Little Lord Fauntleroy* and *The Little Princess* straddles countries and eras in fascinating ways.

WEEK SEVEN FILMS

Arthur Conan Doyle

Novels

A Study in Scarlet

The Hound of the Baskervilles

The Lost World

Brigadier Gerard

TV/Film

A Study in Scarlet (1933)

Edwin L Marin

Sherlock – A Study in Pink (2010)

Paul McGuigan

The Hound of the Baskervilles (1988)

Brian Mills

The Lost World (1960)

Irwin Allen

The Lost World (1998)

Bob Keen

How the Brigadier Won His Medals (1954)

Justus Addis

The Adventures of Gerard (1970)

Jerzy Skolimowski

Nathaniel Hawthorne

Novels

The Scarlet Letter

The House of the Seven Gables

Feathertop

TV/Film

The Scarlet Letter (1926)

Victor Sjöström

The Scarlet Letter (1995)

Roland Joffe

Easy A (2010)

Will Gluck

The House of the Seven Gables (1940)

Joe May

The Scarecrow (2000)

Brian Nissen & Richard Rich

Frances Hodgson Burnett

Novels

Little Lord Fauntleroy

Editha's Burglar

A Little Princess

TV/Films

Little Lord Fauntleroy (1936)

John Cromwell

Little Lord Fauntleroy (1980)

Jack Gold

The Family Secret (1924)

William A. Seiter

A Little Princess (1995)

Alfonso Cuarón