



SAKI (H.H. MUNRO)
ORIGINAL AND UNCOLLECTED STORIES

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Chronology

18 Dec. 1870

Hector Hugh Munro is born in Akyab, Burma, third child of Mary Frances Mercer and Charles Augustus Munro, inspector-general of police.

1872

Mother dies in a freak accident; Munro and his brother and sister sent to live with their grandmother and aunts in England.

1882

Munro sent to board at Pencarwick School, Exmouth.

1885

Starts Bedford Grammar School.

1887–93

Munro's father retires and returns permanently from Burma; takes family on extended trips through Europe.

1893

Munro goes to Burma to work in the colonial police force.

1894

Returns to London on grounds of ill health.

1899

First publications: 'The Achievement of the Cat', anonymously in *Westminster Gazette*; 'Dogged', Munro's first published short story, in *St. Paul's Magazine*, credited to "H.H.M."

1900

Publication of *The Rise of the Russian Empire* (London: Grant Richards), the fruit of several years' research in the British Library.

Munro's first political sketches are published in the *Westminster Gazette*.

1902

The Political Jungle Book and *Not So Stories* (political sketches) are published in the *Westminster Gazette*.

Publication of *The Westminster Alice*: political sketches with illustrations by F. Carruthers Gould (London: Westminster Gazette Office).

1902–08

Employed as foreign correspondent by the *Morning Post* in the Balkans, Warsaw, Russia, and Paris.

1904

Publication of *Reginald* (London: Methuen).

1908

Returns to London.

1910

Publication of *Reginald in Russia* (London: Methuen).

1911

Publication of *The Chronicles of Clovis* (London: John Lane, The Bodley Head).

1912

Publication of the novel *The Unbearable Bassington* (London: John Lane, The Bodley Head).

1913

Publication of the novel *When William Came: A Story of London Under the Hohenzollerns* (London: John Lane, The Bodley Head).

1914

Publication of *Beasts and Super-Beasts* (London: John Lane, The Bodley Head).

Death of father.

25 Aug. 1914

Enlists as a trooper in 2nd King Edward's Horse.

Sept. 1914

Transfers to 22nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers.

Nov. 1915

Battalion is sent to France.

16 Nov. 1916

Shot and killed by a German sniper near Beaumont Hamel in northern France.

1919

Posthumous publication of *The Toys of Peace and Other Papers* (London: John Lane, The Bodley Head).

1924

Posthumous publication of *The Square Egg and Other Sketches* (London: John Lane, The Bodley Head).

1924

Publication of *The Watched Pot*, a play written in 1914 with Charles Maude (London: John Lane, The Bodley Head).

1926–27

Publication of *The Works of Saki* (London: John Lane, The Bodley Head, 8 volumes).

1930

Publication of *The Short Stories of Saki* (London: John Lane, The Bodley Head).

First performance of *The Watched Pot*.

1943

London première of *The Watched Pot*.



'Saki', photographed in 1913. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Hector_Hugh_Munro_aka_Saki_by_E_O_Hoppe,_1913.jpg#/media/File:Hector_Hugh_Munro_aka_Saki,_by_E_O_Hoppe,_1913.jpg