



the LOOK

MAN OF STYLE

# JONNY LEE MILLER

When you think of Sherlock Holmes, the word “sexy” doesn’t usually come to mind, but Jonny Lee Miller has changed all that. His louche turn as the obsessed and brilliant sleuth in the CBS hit *ELEMENTARY* has more than a few women wondering if crime really *does* pay

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SPELLMAN

Ports 1961 suit.  
Louis Vuitton shirt.





Tom Ford suit, tie, and shoes. Louis Vuitton shirt. Socks and ring, his own.

**I**n the '90s, actor Jonny Lee Miller was married to a woman who had written his name in her blood across the back of her shirt at their wedding (that would be Angelina Jolie) and was famous for playing Sick Boy in the drug-fueled drama *Trainspotting*. How times have changed. Now happily domesticated in N.Y.C. with second wife, actress and model Michele Hicks, and their 4-year-old son, Buster, Miller relents that his past was, well, action-packed. "I look back on a lot of my life with yes, a WTF, but in a very good way," he says. "I feel lucky to have gone through so many periods in my life and to have experienced so many things. There's lots of different chapters."

**In this go-round of Sherlock Holmes, the British detective is sober and watched over by the usually abstinent Dr. Watson, played by Lucy Liu. Should we be concerned about a relapse?** You can't have a character who is a recovering addict or alcoholic and not have that potential danger there. It would be unrealistic. I think it's important to the story, and it's also been key to all of us involved that the subject of addiction doesn't become something we leave behind and never ever address again. We want to treat it with realism and respect.

**Unlike your previous TV work, you don't need to do an American accent or cover up your tattoos. Does that make this a more relaxed role for you?** The accent is *huge*—it's one less thing to worry about. And not having to spend a lot of time doing makeup is also good with the number of lines we have to learn.

**Are Sherlock's onscreen outfits of chinos and T-shirts close to what you wear in real life?** I mean, look at me—I'm more of a jeans person. Holmes doesn't wear denim; he's an eccentric. I like all of his clothes, but it's not me and I wouldn't want it to be. We try to make it look as though he doesn't think or care about what he's wearing. Holmes is just a little bit off but still quite presentable.

**So you're not stealing anything from wardrobe.** He actually wears some Jacks & Jokers T-shirts, which I really like. They have some very cool designs.

**What about pants?** With my body type I fit into a lot of Gap stuff, so I wear that on the show mostly. I'm a secret Gap wearer!

**Since you're a self-described "jeans guy," who do you recommend for denim?** I've been back into Levi's, the white label. My favorite ones at the moment are the fancy pair I have on: Nudie Jeans.

**Do you find that being British influences the way you dress?** No, we don't all walk around in tweed jackets, carrying shotguns, and having our mustaches waxed. There's less of a difference than people imagine. I've always liked a suit, personally. If I'm going out with the guys, we all enjoy our suits. But I don't know whether more people in the U.K. wear them than in the U.S.

**Who do you turn to for suits?** Dolce & Gabbana. Their designs fit me really well. That's it, essentially. I love the fact that they make a classic style, but they're constantly changing it up nicely, doing things with the lapels and so on.

**Sherlock has his share of shirtless scenes.**

**How do you stay prepared?** I am a runner, and I run Monday to Friday for an hour every morning before work. The earliest I will get up is at 5. I find that if I wake up and get out in the dark and go for a run, then my day will be more energized. If I'm particularly pushed for time, I will run to work with my stuff in my backpack.

**Sixty minutes is a long time. Do you play music?** I listen to everything from hip-hop to show tunes to classical. It depends on the day of the week or my mood. But my iPod is pretty out there. I'm constantly buying new music.

**I'm sorry—did you just say "show tunes"?** I will go for a run and listen to *The Book of Mormon* or *Les Misérables* or something like that. I mean *show tunes*. I love all that s—.

**In your ABC show *Eli Stone*, there was a lot of singing and dancing. Will we be seeing any musical numbers in *Elementary*?** No, I don't [dance]. God forbid we should ever see *that*

## WHAT WOMEN SAY

### Tell Us One Thing We Don't Know About Jonny

#### JENNIFER CARPENTER

**CO-STAR, DEXTER**  
"He's a hell of a lot of fun and a serious runner—as in 16 marathons!"

#### LUCY LIU

**CO-STAR, ELEMENTARY**  
"You wouldn't believe what a fantastic chef he is. I've enjoyed five-star meals with his family."

#### SIENNA MILLER

**CO-STAR, AFTER MISS JULIE**  
"Jonny's got an incredible knowledge of show tunes, and I love his wicked sense of humor."



happen. Fingers crossed we get to do this series for a few years, but fingers crossed we won't be reaching for material and resort to belting out a song.

**Balancing out all that physical activity, you're known to be quite the chef. How did that happen?**

It started out of necessity. In my late 20s I bought my own house and was living by myself. I have a very, very close friend, Sean, one of my best friends, and he's an amazing cook. I would talk about it with him and get ideas hanging around his house and watching him. I've always had an interest in food. You realize, This isn't that difficult.

**Do you specialize in one country's cuisine, such as Italy?** I do. It's actually a vast spectrum of food, Italian, because you're cooking fish or meat. There's a million things to do with them. It's not all about pasta. I'm not inventing stuff, although I do have a recipe that's mine for spaghetti Bolognese. It was my mum's recipe, and I changed it just a little bit to be fair, so I can say it's mine. Other than that I enjoy getting good cookbooks and trying different dishes. Jamie Oliver's books are incredible.

**Got to support a fellow countryman, right?**

Yeah. He also makes his recipes very easy to follow. I mean, I'm from England, so these are the guys I know. Gordon Ramsay's books are good, as are Nigel Slater's.

**Your wife must be thrilled to have you doing all the cooking!**

When Michele was pregnant, that was another huge step in my cooking life, because you're like, well, what can you do? What can be your function? You can't carry the child, so, I know, I'll make sure my wife eats well and grows a healthy baby. I would make the meals all the time; that sort of became my role. We grew a very big baby. He was 9 pounds.

**Any other hidden talents?** I have a first degree black belt in kickboxing. I don't do it anymore, but there was a time in my life when I went obsessively, three or four times a week. I was consumed by it.

**What are you looking forward to this spring?**

It will be our first spring in New York as a family, and Buster gets a break from school and that will be great. So we're spending a little time getting out of the city, but staying in the area. That's going to be a first for us. I'm looking forward to experiencing your local pollen [laughs]. ■

Ralph Lauren  
Black Label  
vest, shirt,  
pants, and tie.



## RUNNING MAN

Miller is a dedicated pavement-pounder. He even has "26.2," the length of a marathon in miles, inked on his left shoulder blade. So we asked him to curate a playlist of tunes that get him going when he hits the streets.

- 1 "Can You Hear Me Now" Public Enemy
- 2 "You Don't Know (For F—'s Sake)" Ed Sheeran and Yelawolf
- 3 "L'arena" Ennio Morricone
- 4 "Whatever" Oasis
- 5 "Skyfall" Adele
- 6 "Cyanide" Metallica
- 7 "The Golden Boy" Freddie Mercury and Montserrat Caballé
- 8 "Genesis" Justice
- 9 "Hymn of the Big Wheel" Massive Attack
- 10 "Nonstop Disco Powerpack" The Beastie Boys

**TOTAL TIME = 52 MINUTES**