

# The P G Wodehouse Society (UK)

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### The Order of First Publication of 'Series' Short Stories

A number of members have asked if there is a chronological list of the short stories of the main series so that they can be read 'in order'. The simple answer is 'no', and in some cases the stories were published in a different order in the UK from the US. What is possible, however, is to list with 99% confidence the short stories in order of their first publication anywhere. This does not mean, of course, that stories published later may not precede in fictional date those of an earlier real date. One classic example of this is the Ukridge series, which started with a novel, *Love Among the Chickens*, in which Ukridge was married, and then reverted to short stories in which his wife was never mentioned. Another is *Jeeves Takes Charge*, when Jeeves starts his employment with Bertie only after three earlier stories had been written.

#### Reggie Pepper stories

<i>Year</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Story</i>	<i>Appearance</i>
1911	March	Absent Treatment	<i>Strand</i>
1911	September	Helping Freddie	<i>Strand</i>
1912	April	Disentangling Old Duggie	<i>Colliers</i>
1912	December	Rallying Round Old George	<i>Strand</i>
1913	May	Doing Clarence a Bit of Good	<i>Strand</i>
1915	February	Concealed Art	<i>Strand</i>
1915	December	The Test Case	<i>Pearsons</i>

#### The Jeeves and Wooster Stories

This listing is complicated by three factors. First, many of the stories listed do not coincide with the chapter headings in the books, particularly *The Inimitable Jeeves*. Secondly, many of them were split into two chapters and thirdly, some of the stories were rewritten after appearing in *My Man Jeeves* but before reappearing in *Carry on, Jeeves*. We have indicated in which book each story can be found, therefore, and where necessary, have added its chapter number(s).

<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Story</i>	<i>Appearance</i>
1911	September	Helping Freddie (Although this story appeared in <i>My Man Jeeves</i> , Jeeves did not appear in it; it was rewritten as 'Fixing it for Freddie' for <i>Carry On, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Strand</i>
1915	September 18	Extricating Young Gussie ( <i>The Man with Two Left Feet</i> )	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>

1916	February 5	Leave It To Jeeves ( <i>My Man Jeeves</i> ; rewritten as 'The Artistic Career of Corky' for <i>Carry On, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1916	April 22	The Aunt and the Sluggard ( <i>My Man Jeeves</i> ; rewritten for <i>Carry On, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1916	November 18	Jeeves Takes Charge ( <i>Carry On, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1916	December 9	Jeeves and the Unbidden Guest ( <i>My Man Jeeves</i> ; rewritten for <i>Carry On, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1917	March 3	Jeeves and the Hard-Boiled Egg ( <i>My Man Jeeves</i> ; rewritten for <i>Carry On, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1918	June 8	Jeeves and the Chump Cyril ( <i>The Inimitable Jeeves</i> , ch 9,10)	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1921	December	Jeeves in the Springtime ( <i>The Inimitable Jeeves</i> , ch 1,2)	<i>Strand</i>
1922	February	Scoring Off Jeeves ( <i>The Inimitable Jeeves</i> , ch 5,6)	<i>Strand</i>
1922	March	Sir Roderick Comes to Lunch ( <i>The Inimitable Jeeves</i> , ch 7,8)	<i>Strand</i>
1922	April	Aunt Agatha Takes the Count ( <i>The Inimitable Jeeves</i> , ch 3,4)	<i>Strand</i>
1922	May	Comrade Bingo ( <i>The Inimitable Jeeves</i> , ch 11,12)	<i>Strand</i>
1922	June	The Great Sermon Handicap ( <i>The Inimitable Jeeves</i> , ch 13)	<i>Strand</i>
1922	July	The Purity of the Turf ( <i>The Inimitable Jeeves</i> , ch14)	<i>Strand</i>
1922	August	Bertie Changes His Mind ( <i>Carry On, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Strand</i>
1922	September	The Metropolitan Touch ( <i>The Inimitable Jeeves</i> , ch 15)	<i>Strand</i>

1922	October	The Delayed Exit of Claud and Eustace ( <i>The Inimitable Jeeves</i> , ch 16)	<i>Strand</i>
1922	November	Bingo and the Little Woman ( <i>The Inimitable Jeeves</i> , ch 17,18)	<i>Strand</i>
1924	September 27	The Rummy Affair of Old Biffy ( <i>Carry On, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1925	February 21	Clustering Round Young Bingo ( <i>Carry On, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1925	June 27	Without The Option ( <i>Carry On, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1926	April	The Inferiority Complex of Old Sippy ( <i>Very Good, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Strand</i>
1926	December	Jeeves and the Impending Doom ( <i>Very Good, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Strand</i>
1927	December	Jeeves and the Yuletide Spirit ( <i>Very Good, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Strand</i>
1929	September	Jeeves and the Song of Songs ( <i>Very Good, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Strand</i>
1929	October	Jeeves and the Dog McIntosh ( <i>Very Good, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Strand</i>
1929	November	Jeeves and the Love That Purifies ( <i>Very Good, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Strand</i>
1929	December	Jeeves and the Spot of Art ( <i>Very Good, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Strand</i>
1930	January	Jeeves and the Kid Clementina ( <i>Very Good, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Strand</i>
1930	February	Jeeves and the Old School Chum ( <i>Very Good, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Strand</i>
1930	March	Indian Summer of an Uncle ( <i>Very Good, Jeeves</i> )	<i>Strand</i>
1930	April	The Ordeal of Young Tuppy <i>Strand</i>	<i>Strand</i>

( *Very Good, Jeeves* )

1959	February	Jeeves Makes an Omelette ( <i>A Few Quick Ones</i> )	<i>Lilliput</i>
1965	December	Jeeves and the Greasy Bird ( <i>Plum Pie</i> )	<i>Playboy</i>

#### **Blandings Castle Stories**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Story</i>	<i>Appearance</i>
1924	November 29	The Custody of the Pumpkin	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1926	June	Lord Emsworth Acts for the Best	<i>Strand</i>
1927	July 9	Pig-Hooo-o-o-o-ey	<i>Liberty</i>
1928	September	Company for Gertrude	<i>Strand</i>
1928	October 6	Lord Emsworth and the Girl Friend	<i>Liberty</i>
1931	March	The Go-Getter	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1936	October 10, 17	Crimewave at Blandings	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1950	March 26	The Birth of a Salesman	<i>This Week</i>
1966	October	First Aid for Freddie	<i>Playboy</i>
1967	December	Life with Freddie	<i>Playboy</i>

#### **Mr Mulliner Stories**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Story</i>	<i>Appearance</i>
1926	July	The Truth about George	<i>Strand</i>
1926	August	A Slice of Life	<i>Strand</i>
1926	September 4	Mulliner's Buck-U-Uppo	<i>Liberty</i>
1927	March	The Romance of a Bulb-Squeezer	<i>Strand</i>
1927	April 9	It was Only a Fire	<i>Liberty</i>
1927	June 11	Came the Dawn	<i>Liberty</i>

1927	August 20	The Bishop's Move	<i>Liberty</i>
1927	September 24	Portrait of a Disciplinarian	<i>Liberty</i>
1928	July	The Passing of Ambrose	<i>Strand</i>
1928	August	The Reverent Wooing of Archibald	<i>Strand</i>
1928	November 24	The Ordeal of Osbert Mulliner	<i>Liberty</i>
1929	February	Unpleasantness at Bludleigh Court	<i>Strand</i>
1929	February 23	The Man Who Gave Up Smoking	<i>Liberty</i>
1929	May	The Story of Cedric	<i>Strand</i>
1930	May	Gala Night	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1931	October	The Smile That Wins	<i>American</i>
1931	November	A Voice from the Past	<i>American</i>
1931	December	The Missing Mystery	<i>American</i>
1932	February	The Bishop's Cat	<i>American</i>
1932	March	The Bishop's Folly	<i>American</i>
1932	April	Open House	<i>Strand</i>
1932	December	Monkey Business	<i>Strand</i>
1933	January	The Nodder	<i>Strand</i>
1933	February	The Juice of an Orange	<i>Strand</i>
1933	June	The Castaways	<i>Strand</i>
1934	December	The Fiery Wooing of Mordred	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1935	February	The Code of the Mulliners	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1935	August	Archibald and the Masses	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1936	September	Buried Treasure	<i>Strand</i>
1937	July	Anselm Gets His Chance	<i>Strand</i>
1940	February 14	Shock Dogs	<i>Punch</i>

1952	December 13	Big Business	<i>Colliers</i>
1958	September	The Right Approach	<i>Lilliput</i>
1960	February	From a Detective's Notebook	<i>Escapade</i>
1967	January	George and Alfred	<i>Playboy</i>
1970	December	A Christmas Carol	<i>Playboy</i>

In addition, the following eight stories appeared in Mulliner book collections, but were not Mulliner stories when they first appeared:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Story</b>	<b>Appearance</b>
1924	December 20	Something Squishy	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1925	January 24	Honeysuckle Cottage	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1925	March 21	The Awful Gladness of the Mater	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1926	January 23	Mr Potter Takes a Rest Cure	<i>Liberty</i>
1927	May 21	Those in Peril on the Tee	<i>Liberty</i>
1930	June	Best Seller	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1931	April	Quest	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1933	March	The Rise of Minna Nordstrom	<i>American</i>

#### **Ukridge Stories**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Story</b>	<b>Appearance</b>
1923	April	Ukridge's Dog College	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1923	May	Ukridge's Accident Syndicate	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1923	June	The Début of Battling Billson	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1923	July	First Aid for Dora	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1923	August	The Return of Battling Billson	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1923	September	Ukridge Sees Her Through	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1923	October	No Wedding Bells for Him	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1923	November	The Long Arm of Looney Coote	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>

1923	December	The Exit of Battling Billson	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1924	January	Ukridge Rounds a Nasty Corner	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1925	November 21	Buttercup Day	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1925	December 26	A Bit of Luck for Mabel	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1926	May	A Level Business Head	<i>Strand</i>
1928	June	Ukridge and the Old Stepper	<i>Strand</i>
1931	February	Ukridge and the Home from Home	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1935	June	The Comeback of Battling Billson	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1948	March	Success Story	<i>Argosy for Men</i>
1955	April	A Tithe for Charity	<i>Playboy</i>
1967	July	Ukridge Opens a Bank Account	<i>Playboy</i>

#### **The Oldest Member Stories**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Story</i>	<i>Appearance</i>
1919	June 7	A Woman is Only a Woman	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1919	December 6	Ordeal by Golf	<i>Colliers</i>
1920	June	A Mixed Threesome	<i>McClure's</i>
1920	October 10	The Rough Stuff	<i>Chicago Tribune</i>
1920	December	Sundered Hearts	<i>McClure/Strand</i>
1921	May	The Coming of Gowf	<i>Strand</i>
1921	June	The Salvation of George MacKintosh	<i>Strand</i>
1921	August	The Long Hole	<i>Strand</i>
1921	October	The Unexpected Clicking of Cuthbert	<i>Strand</i>
1921	November	The Heel of Achilles	<i>Strand</i>

1922	December	The Magic Plus-Fours	<i>Strand</i>
1923	January	The Awakening of Rollo Podmarsh	<i>Strand</i>
1923	July 7	Chester Forgets Himself	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1923	September	The Heart of a Goof	<i>Redbook</i>
1924	February 23	Rodney Fails to Qualify	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1924	October 25	Jane Goes Off the Fairway	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1925	August 22	The Purification of Rodney Spelvin	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1925	September 19	High Stakes	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1926	March	Keeping in with Vosper	<i>Strand</i>
1927	May 21	Those in Peril on the Tee	<i>Liberty</i>
1935	July 14	Farewell to Legs	<i>This Week</i>
1936	February	A Triple Threat Man (The Letter of the Law)	<i>Redbook</i>
1936	March	There's Always Golf	<i>Strand</i>
1940	January 20	Tee For Two (Scratch Man)	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1948	July 1	The Hazards of Horace Bewstridge (Excelsior)	<i>Argosy</i>
1948	September	I'll Give You Some Advice (Tangled Heart)	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1949	February	Rodney has a Relapse	<i>NHM</i>
1950	June	Up From the Depths	<i>Nothing Serious</i> (No magazine appearance yet discovered)
1950	June 18	A Slightly Broken Romance (Feet of Clay)	<i>This Week</i>
1956	July 10	Joy Bells for Walter	<i>This Week</i>
1965	June 5	The Battle of Squashy Hollow	<i>Saturday</i>



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**Drones Club Stories — Freddie Widgeon**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Story</i>	<i>Appearance</i>
1931	April	Quest	<i>Strand</i>
1931	May	Fate	<i>Strand</i>
1934	September	Noblesse Oblige	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1934	November	Goodbye to All Cats	<i>Cosmopolitan</i>
1935	May	Trouble Down at Tudsleigh	<i>Strand</i>
1936	December	The Masked Troubadour	<i>Strand</i>
1939	October 28	Bramley is So Bracing	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1958	November	The Fat of the Land	<i>This Week</i>
1959	June	Oofy, Freddie and the Beef Trust	<i>Star Weekly</i>

In addition, Freddie Widgeon was the principal character in the novel *Ice In the Bedroom*, 1961.

**Drones Club Stories — Bingo Little**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Story</i>	<i>Appearance</i>
1937	January 30	All's Well with Bingo	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1937	May 29	Bingo and the Peke Crisis	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1939	July 1	The Editor Regrets	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1939	September 2	Sonny Boy	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
1940	August 21	The Word in Season	<i>Punch</i>
1950	July 21	The Shadow Passes	<i>Nothing Serious</i> (No magazine appearance yet discovered)
1954	May	The Ordeal of Bingo Little	<i>Blue Book</i>
1959	May 16	Leave it to Algy	<i>John Bull</i>

1965	January	Bingo Bans the Bomb	<i>Playboy</i>
1965	August	Stylish Stouts	<i>Playboy</i>
1965	December	The Great Fat Uncle Contest	<i>Evening Standard</i>

#### **School Stories — Wrykyn**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Story</i>	<i>Appearance</i>
1904	June	Jackson's Extra	<i>Royal</i>
1904	August	Homeopathic Treatment	<i>Royal</i>
1904	November	The Reformation of Study Sixteen	<i>Royal</i>
1905	April	Ruthless Reginald	<i>Captain</i>
1905	May	The Politeness of Princes	<i>Captain</i>
1905	June	Shields and the Cricket Cup	<i>Captain</i>
1905	July	An Affair of Boats	<i>Captain</i>
1905	August	The Last Place	<i>Captain</i>
1905	August	The Deserter	<i>Royal</i>
1905	September	An International Affair	<i>Captain</i>
1906	September	A Division of Spoil	<i>Captain</i>
1911	May	Educating Aubrey	<i>London</i>

#### **School Stories — St Austin's**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Story</i>	<i>Appearance</i>
1901	July	The Prize Poem	<i>Public School Magazine</i>
1901	August	L'Affaire Uncle John	<i>Public School Magazine</i>
1901	October	The Autograph Hunters	<i>Public School Magazine</i>
1902	February	The Tabby Terror	<i>Public School</i>

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1902	February	The Babe and the Dragon	<i>Captain</i>
1902	July	Bradshaw's Little Story	<i>Captain</i>
1902	August	The Odd Trick	<i>Captain</i>
1902	October	How Payne Bucked Up	<i>Captain</i>
1902	November	Welch's Mile Record	<i>Captain</i>
1903	January	Harrison's Slight Error	<i>Captain</i>
1903	May	How Pillingshot Scored	<i>Captain</i>
1903	August/ September	The Manouevres of Charteris	<i>Captain</i>
1903		A Shocking Affair	<i>Tales of St Austin's</i> (No magazine appearance yet discovered)
1910	September	Pillingshot, Detective	<i>Captain</i>
1911	February	Pillingshot's Paper	<i>Captain</i>

**School Stories — Other**

**Beckford**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Story</i>	<i>Appearance</i>
1904	August	Blenkinsop's Benefit	<i>Captain</i>
1907	July	Personally Conducted	<i>Cassells</i>

**Eckleton**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Story</i>	<i>Appearance</i>
1908	August	The Guardian	<i>Windsor</i>

**Locksley**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Story</i>	<i>Appearance</i>
1904	September	Blenkinsop's Benefit	<i>Pearsons</i>
1905	January	Personally Conducted	<i>Pearsons</i>

1905	February	The Autograph Hunters	<i>Pearsons</i>
1909	June	Against the Clock	<i>Pearsons</i>

**Sedleigh**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Story</i>	<i>Appearance</i>
1910	May	Stone and the Weed	<i>Captain</i>

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