

SOLUTION

THE ADVENTURE OF SIX BIOGRAPHIES

This puzzle was inspired by an old documentary about scrabble (Word Wars) and by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (SACD) and the Sherlock Holmes (SH) story, *The Adventure of the Dancing Men* (with a nod to *The Adventure of the Six Napoleons*). The code used to find the three streets was the one used in the story along with an explanation of how Sherlock broke it. The parenthetical phrase (...try breaking it the old-fashioned way...) strongly implied there was a newer alternative to breaking it. There is a website that translates any message into the dancing men code from the story, and translates a coded message back to its original form.

Anagrams are a staple of mysteries. In order to defeat online aids mostly designed to help scrabble players, a long string of letters and multiple words were used, forcing solutions by the old-fashioned method:

1. zombie academic (or, academic zombie)
2. narcissistic author
3. livid tennis player

[We understand some partial solutions were not family friendly. This was unintentional. We apologize. Please do not send examples.]

The three streets (no particular order required) were:

Urey
Whitman
Vega

Biographies and photos were intended to bring out creativity for all ages (who doesn't like dress up?).

The multiple elements of this puzzle were intended to provide an activity during the COVID-19 stay-at-home time. Thanks for participating. Until next time...