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It's #PublicDomainDay, and as requested by @doctorcomics I am providing a list of the best of the pulp heroes who are now in the public domain. * means the character or text they appear in are prime pulp.

Carlo Aldini:

* Bakterev: https://t.co/QQoSLCNIa4
Black Eagle: https://t.co/QujggV83rX
Brigand: https://t.co/uOs7x9Lvwn
* Sir Ralf Clifford: https://t.co/6QXvegLKPk
Earani: https://t.co/uHGIeecPva
Ebony: https://t.co/C7Jc3j4O44
Fifth Wanderer: https://t.co/5GWyZZJgJF

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Fresquinho: https://t.co/FGRRM4lEEv
Jerzy Hartman: https://t.co/54aVxZKugb

Valentin Katayev's Stanley Holmes, Sherlock Holmes' nephew (son of Mycroft), who goes to India to stop a revolutionary movement from using a Russian scientist's super-magnet to create world peace.

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Aleksandr Beliayev's Professor Kern, who murders people to create Brains In A Jar so that he can discover the secrets of SCIENCE!

Frederick Irving Anderson's Sophie Lang, a flawless master thief: "Sophie, the uncaught."

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Tomas Lann from the film Luch Smerti (The Death Ray): Russian factory worker invents death ray, leads workers' revolution.

*Arthur O. Friel's Roderick McKay--very entertaining stories about a post-WW1 mercenary

* Jennette Lee's Millicent Newbury--crime-solving "mind nurse" 5/

* Baroness Orczy's Old Man in the Corner--one of the greatest of the armchair detectives

* Bertram Atkey's Winnie O'Wynn, my favorite Con Woman of them all--she uses a splendid naif/ingenue act to gull everyone (think Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, only better written)

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* Reo Ratt--German cowboy hero in the 1920s who fights Mad Scientists, apes trained to hold up stagecoaches, and the Mysterious Four.

* Peyami Safa's Recai--greatest of the Turkish pulps' master thieves; he duels with Sherlock Holmes & Arsene Lupin in his adventures.

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Kurt Falkenstein's James Robertson--a Holmesian detective who fights against a Mad Scientist trying to recreate Frankenstein's experiments, Thuggee trying to retrieve a gold statue of Kali stolen by the British, Arsene Lupin, and Professor Moriarty himself.

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* Naum Rogozhin from the film Krest i Mauzer (Cross and Mauser". Rogozhin is one of the best villains in all of world film, period, full stop. A titanically evil Catholic "vicar," he literally files his nails to sharp points to accentuate his wickedness. Guilty of every sin.

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* Sanada Yukimura's Sarutobi Sasuke, a superhumanly powerful ninja (nickname "leaps like a monkey") who assists a samurai detective fight against the enemies of the Koga ninja and the enemies of the Emperor.

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Sharik, from Mikhail Bulgakov's Heart of a Dog--scientist puts pituitary glands into a dog, transforms him into a lewd, foul-mouthed drunk who achieves great success in Soviet society.

* Fritz Lang's Rama Singh--a Sikh detective/adventurer active from Burma to Mecca.

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* AD Temple's Josh Stebbins--either an adventurer who teamed up with "Byron Murchensen," discovered suspended animation, and found & thawed out some frozen Vikings (with Eirik the Red becoming a bouncer in Chicago)...or a fabulous teller of tall tales.

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