

# OTHER NOTABLE BOOKS BY H. G. WELLS

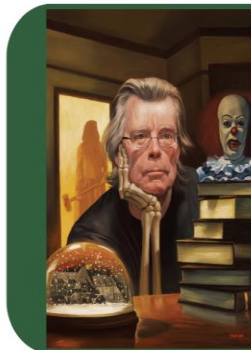


**War of the Worlds** The chilling novel account of a Martian invasion of London in the nineteenth century—a science fiction classic for all time.

**Tono-Bungay** Presented as a miraculous cure-all, Tono-Bungay is in fact nothing other than a pleasant-tasting liquid with no positive effects. Nonetheless, when the young George Ponderevo is employed by his uncle Edward to help market this ineffective medicine, he finds his life overwhelmed by its sudden success. Soon the worthless substance is turned into a formidable fortune as society becomes convinced of the merits of Tono-Bungay through a combination of skilled advertising and public credulity.

**The Invisible Man** This masterpiece of science fiction is the fascinating story of Griffin, a scientist who creates a serum to render himself invisible, and his descent into madness that follows.

**The Island of Dr. Moreau** In The Island of Dr. Moreau, a shipwrecked gentleman named Edward Prendick, stranded on a Pacific island lorded over by the notorious Dr. Moreau, confronts dark secrets, strange creatures, and a reason to run for his life.



Stephen King also shares a birthday with H.G. Wells. Try one of his recommended horror novels.

- Carrie
- The Shining
- 11/22/63

born: September 21, 1866

# H.G. Wells



Keeping it Reel



FREE Showing of  
*The Time Machine* at Two Rivers Cinema  
1:00 p.m. on September 2

**The Reading Trap**

Join us for conversation about H.G. Wells and this 'timeless' classic at Traphill Branch Library  
6:00 p.m. on September 14

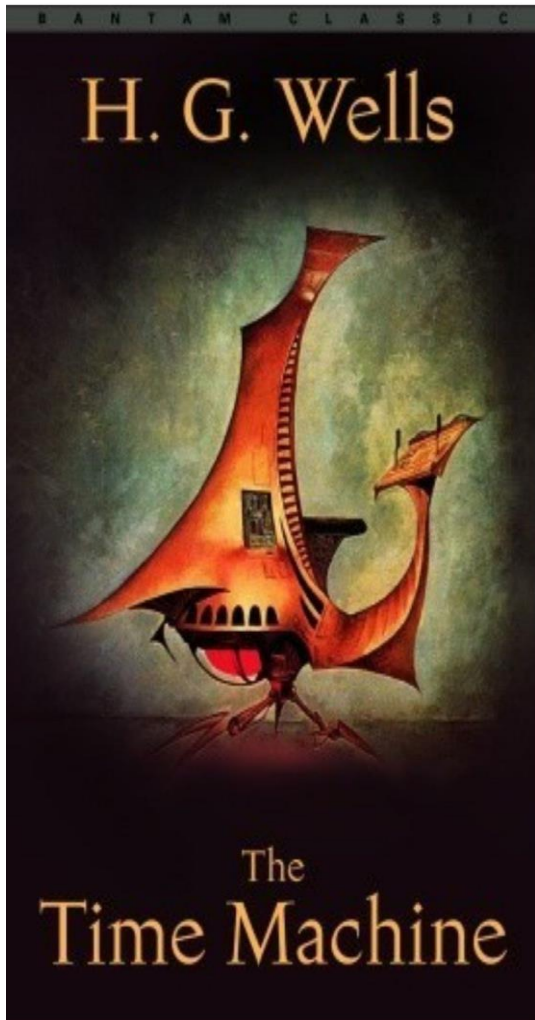
" ADAPT OR PERISH, NOW AS EVER, IS NATURE'S INEXORABLE IMPERATIVE."

## THE BOOK

# THE TIME MACHINE

Still a classic, and one that our contemporary writers would do well to emulate.

The words and imagery might catch you in this book. You have to forego current life and pretend you were still back in time.



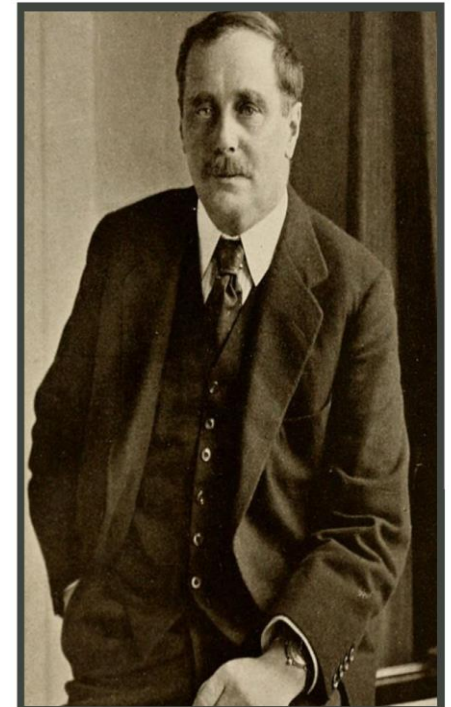
## Discussion Questions

- In *The Time Machine*, does H.G. Wells imply that a vegetarian diet is better than a carnivorous one?
- Why might Wells have chosen to call his novel *The Time Machine* and not *The Time Traveller*?
- Although *The Time Machine* is traditionally identified as science fiction, could a case be made for viewing it as a horror story?
- What qualities make the Time Traveller a sympathetic, if flawed, character in *The Time Machine*?
- How does *The Time Machine* portray two sides to technology?
- What features of *The Time Machine* could be considered antifeminist?

## H.G. WELLS

Wells took the ideas and fears that haunted the mind of his age and gave them symbolic expression as brilliantly conceived fantasy made credible by the quiet realism of its setting.

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- • • Wells's prose style is always careless and lacks grace, yet he has his own gift of phrase and a true ear for vernacular speech, especially that of the lower middle class of London and southeastern England. His best work has a vigour, vitality, and exuberance unsurpassed, in its way, by that of any other British writer of the early 20th century.



## The Father of Science Fiction

Herbert George Wells was an English writer. Prolific in many genres, he wrote more than fifty novels and dozens of short stories. His non-fiction output included works of social commentary, politics, history, popular science, satire, biography, and autobiography. Wells' science fiction novels are so well regarded that he has been called the "father of science fiction".