

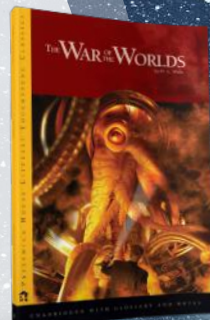
# “Our true nationality is mankind.”

—H.G. Wells

## H.G. Wells



**Herbert George Wells** was born on September 21, 1866, in Kent, England, to a working-class family. After a series of menial jobs, Wells became a teaching assistant and completed college in 1890. His first novel, *The Time Machine*, published in 1895, was immediately popular with both critics and the public. His next books helped cement his reputation as the “father of modern science fiction”: *The Island of Doctor Moreau* (1896), *The Invisible Man* (1897), and *The War of the Worlds* (1898). Wells was also known for his support of various causes, among them women’s rights, socialism, and the improvement of humanity through the application of scientific principles. H. G. Wells died in 1946, living long enough to see many of the ideas he formulated in his novels come to fruition.



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