**Author of the week: H. G. WELLS**



**(21 September 1866 – 13 August 1946)**

*"If you fell down yesterday, stand up today."* – H.G.Wells

**Herbert George Wells** was an English writer. Prolific in many genres, he wrote dozens of novels, short stories, and works of social commentary, history, satire, biography and autobiography. His work also included two books on recreational war games. Wells is best remembered for his science fiction novels and is often called the "father of science fiction", along with Jules Verne and the publisher Hugo Gernsback. His earliest specialised training was in biology, and his thinking on ethical matters took place in a specifically and fundamentally Darwinian context. A futurist writer, he wrote a number of utopian works and foresaw the advent of aircraft, tanks, space travel, nuclear weapons, satellite television and something resembling the World Wide Web. His science fiction imagined time travel, alien invasion, invisibility, and biological engineering. Brian Aldiss referred to Wells as the "Shakespeare of science fiction". Wells rendered his works convincing by instilling commonplace detail alongside a single extraordinary assumption – dubbed “Wells's law” – leading Joseph Conrad to hail him in 1898 as "O Realist of the Fantastic!" His most notable science fiction works include The Time Machine (1895), The Island of Doctor Moreau (1896), The Invisible Man (1897), The War of the Worlds (1898) and the military science fiction The War in the Air (1907). He was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature four times.

**Books by H. G. Wells**

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| 3 | https://images-na.ssl-images-amazon.com/images/P/0743487737.01.MZZZZZZZ.jpg | **Title**: Time machine  **Author**: H.G. Wells **Publisher**: New York: Simon & Schuster, 2004 **Call No.**: 823.912 WEL  **Acc. No.**: 014917 |
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**Official Website:** [**The H.G. Wells Society**](http://hgwellssociety.com/)

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* [**The Time Machine (1898)**](http://www.literaturepage.com/read/thetimemachine.html)
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* [**The War in the Air (1908)**](http://www.literaturepage.com/read/wells-war-in-the-air.html)

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