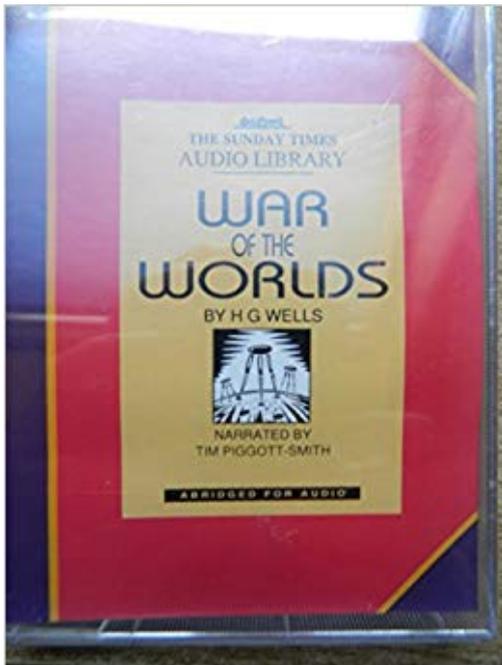


## The War of the Worlds (Harper Classics) by Leonard Nimoy, H.G. Wells



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An English astronomer, in company with an artilleryman, a country curate, and others, struggles to survive the invasion of Earth by Martians.



## Reviews of the The War of the Worlds (Harper Classics) by Leonard Nimoy, H.G. Wells

*Jogrnd*

What a great book and it's a lot different than what you see in the movies that have been based on it. The style of writing is a lot easier to read than many of Wells's contemporaries so you can really get into the story without stumbling over a lot of archaic prose. The story itself is super imaginative considering the time period it was written in, but so were the rest of Wells's writings. He was probably a fascinating person to talk to. I'm not going to give a synopsis of the book because I'm sure everybody else has and there's one in the book description anyway, but I really recommend this book to any age group over 10. Enjoy it!

*Lonesome Orange Kid*

A classic scifi story, WOTW gets better everytime I read it. I've started reading every 2 years or so at Mars' opposition. That's the best time to view Mars through a telescope. Fortunately, I've never seen any evidence of cannon blasts ???? I gave the recording four stars because the story is timeless, but this particular recording is not a favorite. The narrator seems to mumble and does not have a lot of expression in the reading. I've not shared this recording with anyone else because I am afraid of boring them with the reading. I guess maybe it's supposed to sound like a stuffy 19th century upper class Englishman. It does but sounds more like someone reading a newspaper out loud rather than someone telling a story. It's ok, but I hope a more lively performance is done someday....

*JoJosho*

As usual, the original is always better. This could make a great movie, as is. For the generally informed mind, this and other HGW books are informative as to that time period of science and flight. He always refers to the science and technology of that day, (1890s), and this is where ones own knowledge is broadened. Although, I'll grant you that the average person is ignorant of past technology. So sad , and like the people of this story. This really would make a great movie, as is.

*Globus*

Hard to believe elements of the story were conceived in the 19th century - just a few years after invention of the light bulb. Wells imagines robots, lasers, chemical weapons, indiscriminate warfare, panic human exodus, and wide spread human crisis.

*Buge*

The story often thrilling is under scored by a genuine fear that over takes the reader of a future that promises nothing when all human efforts is expunged by forces we have no say. Only by the most minute elements of our nature made by the Creator saves us. When all that is lost is suddenly given back do we have the sense of all we over looked in life is now seen differently. War of the Worlds is more than a thrilling story of invasion but rather an insight to ourselves.

*Gldasiy*

If you like aliens, sit back, crack open a cold one, and get ready to dive into the surrealist experience of your life.

Yes! It's "The War of The Worlds". Back again by popular demand, this book features stunning verbal illustrations on mankind's struggle against the martians who suck the life out of human's souls while trying to terraform the world just like your ex! Be amazed at the verbal painting of an unnamed man who just wants to survive and be with his wifey back after being separated from her by all the forms of human anxiety & panic along with the impending doom of humankind! It's got destruction, laser light shows, sounds, and a very stunning viewpoint on what would happen if you're trapped with a religious man during those days. Say whaat?

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*Pooker*

Saw the older movie as a youngster and was scared, but this book provides a great inside view of a man's thoughts as he rapidly transitions from a comfortable, tranquil and idyllic life into a struggle for survival, fearing for life itself let alone food and water, where concealment and hiding are the key's to one more day of life. I love this passage:

"...a sense of dethronement, a persuasion that I was no longer the master, but an animal among the animals, under the Martian heel. With us it be as with them, to lurk and watch, to run and hide; the fear and empire of man had passed away."

I read the book itself many years ago when i was younger. The book was great, fantastic even, i liked it so much that i read it in one week while in school. The Audio book however is another story altogether. This particular "version" of the legendary story has too many extra details added that instead of adding to the plot in a positive way it makes it boring. I was into it, maybe in the 3rd chapter when i started noticing many little parts that where not in the original story. The audio book

is OK, if you like a massive amount of details, if not, stick with the original.

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