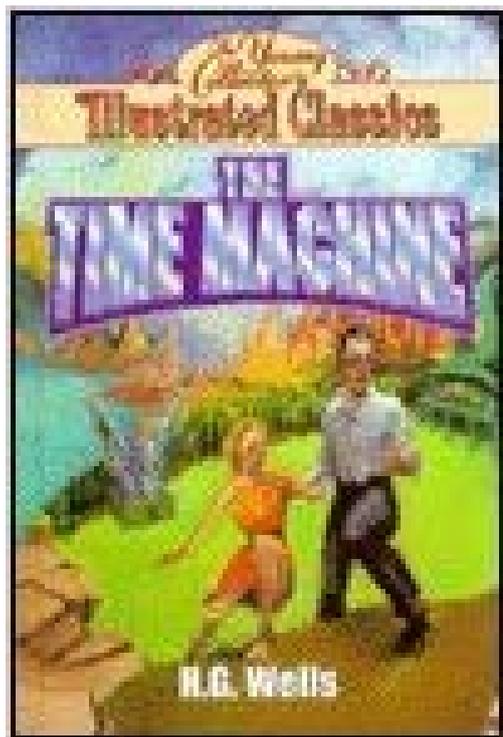


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Qiahmagha

I re-read this old classic from H.G. Wells and used Oxford World's Classics print - it was a wonderful read with the additional notes on a bunch of references that Wells has used, ranging from Darwin to the Genesis texts...

The dystopian future of mankind's evolution/devolution into the Eloi and the Morlocks is a fascinating tale indeed... The underlying message about the need for solving for the growing chasm between the wealthy aristocratic class and the laborers who toiled endlessly from the Britain of late 1800s (the time when this novel was written). Wells, at times, comes across as a proponent of Communism, advocating a more socialistic approach to society e.g., the Eloi had collective housing

facilities for sleeping, eating etc.

Regardless of these overtones, "The Time Machine" novella is a superb novella and was way ahead of its time... Introducing the concept of time travel and using the dystopian future of mankind as a mean to drive home the message for a need to change is very well done. This classic has truly survived the test of time... it is as fascinating a read in this day and age as it must have been in the late 1800s...

Shalinrad

This was my first reading of this classic. It'd been on my reading list for years. Mark Twain's quote about classics being "books one always means to read but never gets around to" came to mind as I was reading. I'm so glad I got around to it. Once I started it, I could not put it down. This story is astounding in that it was written in the late 1900s. I've enjoyed time travel stories for years, and now know that Mr. Wells is the father of this subgenre. I recommend this for all ages, particularly young readers.

This is the first Amazon Classic I have read. The formatting and editing were excellent, which made it an easy, pleasurable read. This has often not been the case with other classics I have read.

Shaktit

First time I have read this book. I remember watching this movie with my Mom as a child and not liking it very much. The old adage rings true here: 'the book is better than the movie!'. It's great to see how those before us figured the future would play out. Usually a 'future' novel, at least in my experience, is placed in the 'near future' up to maybe a few thousand years ahead. Well's takes that equation and does away with it going millions of years ahead. It's a good study (or at least perspective) of where man might be by then. Good read and I encourage anyone who has seen the movie, to read the book! Haha

Hellstaff

I'm sure we've all seen the movie - or possibly the Wishbone episode ;) - so we probably all have a general idea of what happens in this book, but it still did manage to surprise me a bit. The tone is surprisingly modern for a book written over a hundred years ago and [unfortunately] the social commentary is just as relevant today as I assume it was at that time. Definitely a short read but also a good one and I especially liked his detailed descriptive language, which made it very easy to picture the world as I was reading.

Heraly

It was fun reading The War of the Worlds because of the differences between the time depicted, when it was written, and the updated movies. We still are a long way off from the time to which The Time Machine travels, so there is no need to update this great story from the mind of a genuine scientist of his day. That's right, H.G. Wells was not just a great author, he was a true scientist of the time. The reality of time travel is now known to be far different than that depicted in any story I've ever read or watched (for the real deal, read Dr. David Deutsch's The Fabric of Reality) but that does not detract from the fun of these stories.

Fearlessrunner

It is often the case and more often thought to be the case that "classic novels" are old hat. That is they are worth reading just to understand a certain school of literary aesthetic or thought, a past era, etc. and maybe they might be worth reading not for their fame (or infamy). "The Time Machine" shatters any assumption that a classic has to be stuffy, irrelevant or out of date (of course, it is by no means the only classic novel to do so). Wells creates the first novel about a time traveling machine with wit, intelligence, suspense, political satire and an adventurous spirit.

The story begins in Surrey where a scientist and inventor referred to simply as the Time Traveler is discussing with dinner guests how he views time as simply the fourth dimension (the other three being height, length and breadth), which can be traveled through just like the other three

dimensions. The catch is that this eccentric is actually successful and manages to travel over eight hundred thousand years into the future. The Time Traveler navigates through a different world which appears to be an utopian world of leisure occupied by a civilization of small but pretty persons calling themselves eloi. The Time Traveler soon finds out that things are not as they seem. Even though this is a well known novel, I will not spoil things in case of new readers who stumble across the magnificent book which is in the public domain and free on the Kindle. You may find the musings and observations of the curious and bold Time Traveler to be fascinating.

Wells manages to create a thrilling tale with satirical and political themes woven in to warn against oppression and promoting his socialist ideals. After reading the novel, consider the good but imperfect film adaptations *The Time Machine* and *The Time Machine*. Do yourself a favor and avoid the 1970s mess, though; that version is worse than an encounter with morlocks.

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