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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. As entertaining and sharp today as it was in 1895By SMIt 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 "The Time Machine" shatters any assumption that a classic has to be stuffy, irrelevant or out of date (of course, it is by no means the only classic novel to do so).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.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Truly fantasticBy Michelle @ In Libris VeritasOh how I've missed reading the classics. I love them dearly, but I never seem to get around to reading them. They are truly wonderful and rarely do they ever disappoint, and this one certainly did not. I've been meaning to get around to reading something from HG Wells, so I decided upon the shortest one which also happened to be the one I've seen in movie form. I think this has definitely made my appetite for his writing grow so hopefully in the future I'll be reading War of the Worlds.The Time Machine is one of those books that actually can transcend the time in which it was written. The time traveling plot actually makes the dated writing style fit perfectly, and actually made my reading experience better. It's also a relatively short and quick read, but given that the actual time frame in which this happened is also short it doesn't really detract from the story at all. The one thing that really took me a moment to get

use to is the lack of actual names, our main character is The Time Traveler and other characters in his present day are known by similar titles. It doesn't really matter, as the real story has no call for his name and with the ending Wells gives you it really enriches the story. Who ever thought that not knowing the character's name would be a good thing? There is also a tremendous amount of scientific and philosophical thought that goes into this, and it really got me thinking about what will come after us and why. The main story of time travel in this one is one that most are familiar with through at least some pop culture reference. Like Sheldon from Big Bang Theory, which probably my favorite spoof. The story in itself is kind of a chilling realization. You have the kind, dainty and beautiful Eloi who live on the surface of the future Earth. They seem to live the perfect existence. Then you have the lurking, furry, and terrifying Morlocks who live beneath the surface with their machinery. The two races play pivotal role in each others lives and more importantly they play an even bigger role in showing an over the top example of what occurs when one section of human lifestyle distance themselves from another. In this case the seemingly wealthy and lap of luxury against the workers who are relayed upon and yet shunned. But if that's too much thinking for you, you have no need to fear the story is wonderful without all the insight, especially if you've seen the movie. I would certainly recommend this to anyone with an interest science fiction and time travel. It's pretty short and only took me about a day to read so it's certainly not to much of a time consumer. Also if you haven't seen the original movie from 1960 go watch it, I haven't seen the newer one so I'm not sure about it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A pleasant surprise By C. Keys This was my first book to read to completion on a kindle. During my high school years if I was forced to read a book, I hated them. Now in my thirties I am pleasantly surprised to find that the banes of my literary education are actually worth reading. I never had to read "The Time machine" before, but chose to since I have seen both movies (1960 and 2002). The book was a pleasant read. The narrator was not the Time Traveler himself, but a person who wrote down the time traveler's story as he unfolded it after his immediate return from the distant future. This gives an interesting writing technique from Mr Wells in that he is writing the story as if he were the person present at the telling of the time traveler's tale and was merely a scribe to its unfolding. Like all good time travel stories the rules are first explained in generalities at the beginning as the time traveler reveals that time is the 4th dimension and he has discovered a way to move about it was we do in the other 3 dimensions (X,Y,Z axis of a plane). The movie makers certainly took some liberties as there was never a stopping point between his leaving the present to the stopping at the year 802,701 AD. The stops along the way were added for effect to both movies as, published in 1895, Mr. Wells would have no foreknowledge of World War I nor II nor any nuclear bombing to which the movies allude. The bulk of the story continues in the distant future where mankind has evolved/devolved into two separate races the above ground Eloi and the subterranean Morlocks. There are numerous political/social commentaries about the book which others explain in much better detail, but I will say that they are not missed by even a novice such as I. The story has a wonderful flow and I found I couldn't put it down. The Kindle version includes a preview of the book "The Map of Time," by Felix J. Palma.

Includes a biography of H. G. Wells and a bibliography of his novels A classic science fiction novel by Herbert G. Wells The Martians invade the Earth. The human soldiers can't do anything against their tripod fighting machines. Mankind seemed beyond help, but The story became famous in 1938. A radio play terrified America. Adapted for the screen several times e.g. 2005 by Steven Spielberg with Tom Cruise in a leading role. Published in 1898, this version of the story was carefully edited for the 21st century.

.com This is the granddaddy of all alien invasion stories, first published by H.G. Wells in 1898. The novel begins ominously, as the lone voice of a narrator tells readers that "No one would have believed in the last years of the nineteenth century that this world was being watched keenly and closely by intelligences greater than man's..." Things then progress from a series of seemingly mundane reports about odd atmospheric disturbances taking place on Mars to the arrival of Martians just outside of London. At first the Martians seem laughable, hardly able to move in Earth's comparatively heavy gravity even enough to raise themselves out of the pit created when their spaceship landed. But soon the Martians reveal their true nature as death machines 100-feet tall rise up from the pit and begin laying waste to the surrounding land. Wells quickly moves the story from the countryside to the evacuation of London itself and the loss of all hope as England's military suffers defeat after defeat. With horror his narrator describes how the Martians suck the blood from living humans for sustenance, and how it's clear that man is not being conquered so much a corralled. --Craig E. Engler From Publishers Weekly Why, if life was improving so rapidly for so many people at the dawn of the 20th century, were the next hundred years full of brutal conflict? Ferguson (Colossus) has a relatively simple answer: ethnic unrest is prone to break out during periods of economic volatility; booms as well as busts. When they take place in or near areas of imperial decline or transition, the unrest is more likely to escalate into full-scale conflict. This compelling theory is applicable to the Armenian genocide in Turkey, the slaughter of the Tutsis in Rwanda or the "ethnic cleansing" perpetrated against Bosnians, but the overwhelming majority of Ferguson's analysis is devoted to the two world wars and the fate of the Jews in Germany and eastern Europe. His richly informed analysis overturns many basic assumptions. For example, he argues that England's appeasement of Hitler in 1938 didn't lead to

WWII, but was a misinformed response to a war that had started as early as 1935. But with Ferguson's claims about "the descent of the West" and the smaller wars in the latter half of the century tucked away into a comparatively brief epilogue, his thoughtful study falls short of its epic promise. (Sept. 25) Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.From Library JournalThis edition of Wells's much disguised attack on British imperialism includes a scholarly introduction, a biographical preface and chronology of the author's life, maps of the Martian landing sites, and explanatory notes. A lot of extras for the price.Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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