



H.G. Wells: Another Kind of Life

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Peter Owen. 1 Paperback(s), 2010. soft. Book Condition: New. When Herbert George Wells left school in 1880 at 13 he seemed destined for obscurity, yet he became one of the most famous writers in the world. He established the science fiction genre with such tales as *The Time Machine* and *The War of the Worlds*, reinvented the Dickensian novel in *Kipps* and *The History of Mr Polly*, and presaged postmodernism in experimental fiction like *Tono-Bungay*. Wells was also known for his romantic affairs, with authors like Dorothy Richardson and Rebecca West, gun-toting travel writer Odette Keun, and Russian spy Moura Budberg. And he argued with everyone from Henry James and George Orwell to Winston Churchill and Josef Stalin. The former editor of *The Wellsian* and chairman of the H.G. Wells Society, Michael Sherborne sorts out the true nature of a man variously deemed a philistine, sexist, and racist or a great writer, prophet of globalization, and pioneer of human rights. 405.



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