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### Editorial Review

From the Back Cover

H G Wells was a man of many contradictions. Trained as a scientist, he possessed the creative powers and vision of an artist. A novelist and storyteller of formidable imaginative power, he wished to be remembered as an educationalist and writer on social questions.

A Preface to H G Wells provides a concise and accessible introduction to the life and works of Wells. Beginning with a survey of his life and times, the book also:

- illustrates the influence of place on his fiction and auto-biographical novels
- provides a detailed look at his novels and science fiction, placing his work in its literary context
- discusses Wells in relation to modernism
- gives a detailed examination of his works *The Time Machine* and *Tono-Bungay*
- includes biographies of Wells's literary friends and contemporaries
- summarises his literary contribution and relevance today

Also containing a useful guide for further reading, A Preface to H G Wells is the only book available to bring together in a single volume both a biography of Wells and an introduction to his work. It will be of great interest to both the student and general reader.

John Hammond is a Research Fellow at Nottingham Trent University. He has written and lectured extensively on literary topics and is the President of the H G Wells Society. He is the author of *H G Wells and the Modern Novel* and *H G Wells and the Short Story* and has also written critical studies of Defoe, Stevenson, Poe and Orwell.

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