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Appropriate Contributions welcome.

Libraries

We hear from Space Cowboy Books: The Eaton is quite something, one of the larger SF collections in the world. <https://library.ucr.edu/collections/eaton-collection-of-science-fiction-fantasy>

The MIT Science Fiction Society persuaded the MIT Administration to pay a book preservation company for storage and restoration of its library, which was damaged by flooding of its fourth-floor offices and was due to be thrown into storage which the MIT Student Center was remodeled after almost 60 years of service.

Conventions for June

Mindy Hunt

Conventions for July

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Each month we will provide a list of conventions from around the world.

This list is constantly being updated throughout the month. You can find our full events list as well as a calendar at <http://scifi4me.com/conventions-events/>.

During the week, we provide regular updates on our TV channel <http://scifi4me.tv/> with any schedule changes or cancellations. These updates also include any COVID-19 requirements the events are requesting. These requirements are also listed on our calendar for each event.

We are always looking to keep the list and calendar as current as possible. If you know of a local event, big or little, send us and email at events@scifi4me.com so we can add it and make it the most comprehensive conventions list on the internet.

June 30-July 2

VIRTUAL

ON-SITE

Avalon Expo – St John's, Newfoundland, Canada Jun 30-Jul 2
Collectibles Extravaganza – Boxborough, MA Jun 30-Jul 2
Capital City Comic Con – Lansing, MI Jun 30-Jul 2
Dokomi – Dusseldorf, Germany Jun 30-Jul 2
Fan Expo Denver – Denver, CO Jun 30-Jul 2
Florida Supercon – Miami Beach, FL Jun 30-Jul 2
Nickel City Con – Buffalo, NY Jun 30-Jul 2
RAGECON – Reno, NV Jun 30-Jul 2
SoonerCon – Norman, OK Jun 30-Jul 2
Anime Expo – Los Angeles, CA Jul 1-Jul 3
BayCon – San Mateo, CA Jul 1-Jul 4
Epic Con Russia – Moscow, Russia Jul 1-2
Hershey Comic Con – Hershey, PA Jul 1-2
Smash! Sydney – Sydney, New South Wales, Australia Jul 1-2
TF Expo – Kansas City, MO Jul 1-2
Notts Brick Festival – Newark-on-Trent, United Kingdom Jul 1
San Fernando Valley Comic Book Convention – North Hollywood, CA Jul 1
Capital Trade Show – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada Jul 2
Preston Sci-Fi Comic & Toy Fair – Preston, United Kingdom Jul 2
Wayne NJ Toy Show – Wayne, NJ Jul 2

July 5-9

VIRTUAL

ON-SITE

Dice Tower East – Orlando, FL Jul 5-9
CONVergence – Minneapolis, MN Jul 6-9
Play On Con – Birmingham, AL Jul 6-9
Anime Blues Con – Memphis, TN Jul 7-9
Anime Midwest – Rosemont, IL Jul 7-9
Anime Blues Con – Memphis, TN Jul 7-9
BlerDCon – Arlington, VA Jul 7-9
Earp Division Expo – Niagara Falls, NY Jul 7-9
Fanboy Expo Knoxville – Knoxville, TN Jul 7-9
InConJunction – Indianapolis, IN Jul 7-9
KuroNekoCon – Spokane, WA Jul 7-9
London Film and Comic Con – London, United Kingdom Jul 7-9
Mad Monster Party Arizona – Glendale, AZ Jul 7-9
Superhero Comic Con & Car Show – San Antonio, TX Jul 7-9
Supernatural Official Convention – Burlingame, CA Jul 7-9
Toycon Philippines – Manila, Philippines Jul 7-9
TrotCon – Dayton, OH Jul 7-9
VidCon San Paulo – San Paulo, Brazil Jul 7-9
Wyoming Pop Culture Con – Casper, WY Jul 7-9

Empire Comic Fest – Rochester, NY Jul 7-8
Adventure Comic Con – Sofia, Bulgaria Jul 8-9
Contropolis NJ – Secaucus, NJ Jul 8-9
Eternal Con – Hempstead, NY Jul 8-9
Glasgow Anime & Gaming Con – Glasgow, United Kingdom Jul 8-9
Infinity Con Tallahassee – Tallahassee, FL Jul 8-9
Legendary Con – Waynesboro, PA Jul 8-9
Quad Con – Davenport, IA Jul 8-9
Silver Age Comic Con– Reno, NV Jul 8
Writers Cantina– West Valley City, UT Jul 8
Captial Trade Shows – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada Jul 9
Vancouver Comic Con – Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada Jul 9

July 13-16

VIRTUAL

ON-SITE

Japan Addict Z – Strasbourg, France Jul 13-16
Japan Expo – Paris, France Jul 13-16
AkaiCon – Lebanon, TN Jul 14-16
Arkansas Anime Festival – Bentonville, AR Jul 14-16
Charcon – Charleston, WV Jul 14-16
ConGregate – Winston-Salem, NC Jul 14-16
Diversicon – Plymouth, MN Jul 14-16
Imaginarium – Louisville, KY Jul 14-16
KantCon – Overland Park, KS Jul 14-16
METACON – Kansas City, MO Jul 14-16
METROCON – Tampa, FL Jul 14-16
Montreal Comiccon – Montreal, Quebec, Canada Jul 14-16
SCG CON – Cincinnati, OH Jul 14-16
TFcon Toronto – Toronto, Ontario, Canada Jul 14-16
Twisted Lords Con – Midwest City, OK Jul 14-16
The Vampire Diaries/The Originals Official Reunion Convention – Orlando, FL Jul 14-16
Clarksville Anime, Comic, & Toy Show – Clarksville, TN Jul 15-16
Collect-A-Con Kansas City – Kansas City, MO Jul 15-16
SharkCon – Tampa, FL Jul 15-16
FrankfortCon – Frankfort, KY Jul 15
Great Lakes Summer Expo – Clinton Township, MI Jul 15
KCC Comic Con – Klamath Falls, OR Jul 15
Longview Comic Con – Longview, TX Jul 15
Middle Georgia Comic Convention – Macon, GA Jul 15
Oddities & Curiosities Expo – Detroit, MI Jul 15
Bowmanville Comicon – Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada Jul 16
Clandestine Come Book Show – Laurel, MD Jul 16
Louisville Anime-Fest – Louisville, KY Jul 16
Peterborough Brick Festival – Peterborough, United Kingdom Jul 16

July 19-23

VIRTUAL

ON-SITE

Historicon – Lancaster, PA Jul 19-23
Camp Necon – Portsmouth, RI Jul 20-23
Comic-Con International – San Diego, CA Jul 20-23
Pemmi-Con (NASFiC) – Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada Jul 20-23
Tekko – Pittsburgh, PA Jul 20-23
Animesse Babelsberg – Berlin, Germany Jul 21-23
Confluence – Pittsburgh, PA Jul 21-23
Horrorween Con Idaho – Boise, ID Jul 21-23
Kitsune Kon– Green Bay WI Jul 21-23
OCon – Council Bluffs, IA Jul 21-23
Gem City Comic Con – Dayton, OH Jul 22-23
Glasgow Film and Comic Con – Glasgow, United Kingdom Jul 22-23
Oddities & Curiosities Expo – Chicago, IL Jul 22-23
Quad Con – Peoria, IL Jul 22-23
Oxford Brick Festival – Oxford, United Kingdom Jul 22
Chicago Toy Show – St Charles, IL Jul 23
Comicverse – New Berlin, WI Jul 23
Cottage CountryCon – Orillia, Ontario, Canada Jul 23

July 27-30

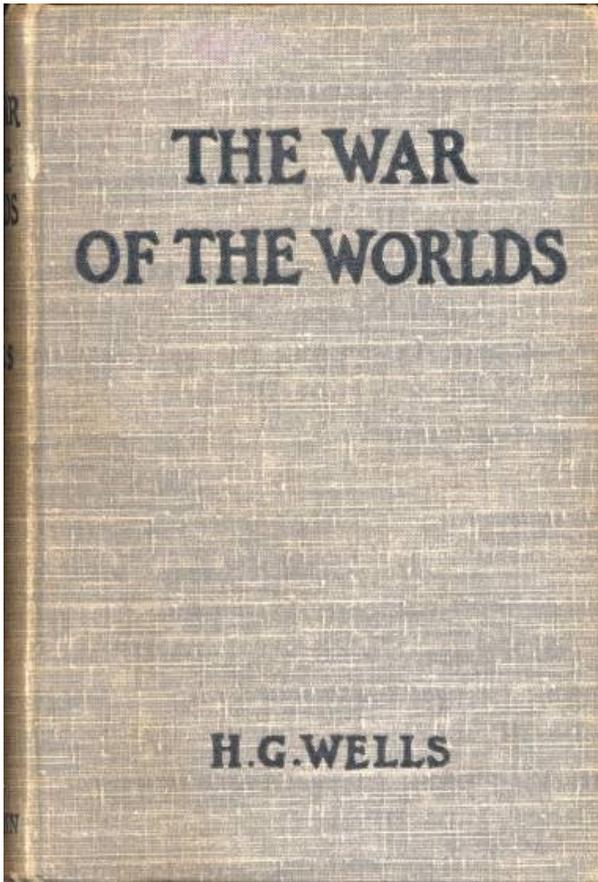
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GalaxyCon Raleigh – Raleigh, NC Jul 27-30
NarCon – Linkoping, Sweden Jul 27-30
AnimeIowa – Coralville, IA Jul 28-30
Corpus Christi Comic Con – Coprus Christi, TX Jul 28-30
Dokidokon – Kalamazoo, MI Jul 28-30
Dream Convention – Waco, TX Jul 28-30
Midsummer Scream – Long Beach, CA Jul 28-30
OTAKON– Washington D.C. Jul 28-30
Terrificon – Uncasville, CT Jul 28-30
Comic Con Manchester – Manchester, United Kingdom Jul 29-30
GeekCraft Expo STL – St Louis, MO Jul 29-30
Maple Gel Con – Oakville, Ontario, Canada Jul 29-30
Savannah Comic Con – Savannah, GA Jul 29-30
Savannah Mega Comic Con – Savannah, GA Jul 29-30
Kentuckiana GI Joe Toy-X – Shepherdsville, KY Jul 29
Quad Con – Fort Dodge, IA Jul 29
Quad Con – Cedar Falls, IA Jul 30

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 International Cherry Pit Spitting Day
2 World UFO Day	3 Compliment Your Mirror Day	4 United States Independence Day	5 International Binkini Day	6 National Fried Chicken Day	7 Chocolate Day	8 Body Painting Day
9 National Dimples Day	10 Teddy Bear Picnic Day	11 National Blueberry Muffin Day	12 Different Colored Eyes Day	13 National Nitrogen Ice Cream Day	14 Pandemonium Day	15 Tapioca Pudding Day
16 Fresh Spinach Day	17 Yellow Pig Day	18 National Caviar Day	19 National Daquiri Day	20 National Lollipop Day	21 National Junk Food Day	22 Ratcatcher's Day
23 Vanilla Ice Cream Day	24 National Tequila Day	25 Culinarians Day	26 World Tofu Day	27 Take Your Houseplants For A Walk Day	28 National Milk Chocolate Day	29 National Lip Stick Day
30 Paperback Book Day	31 National Avacado Day					



JULY 2022

THE WAR OF THE WORLDS by H.G. Wells appeared in book form in July 1898, and immediately became one of the most important science fiction novels ever published. There had been other stories before about invasions, super weapons, and the crumbling of modern civilization, but none before The War of the Worlds managed to do it so effectively, or by creating a completely alien menace; bizarre creatures from the planet Mars intend not just on material conquest and destruction, but the utter extermination of the entire human race, with our whole planet destined to become inhabited by malignant creatures from the red planet.

Over the years this novel has been examined, critiqued, researched, and picked apart by literary critics and fans alike. Multiple influences have been cited as contributing to the story plot, including the realization that much of the European domination of the known world was due to superior technology and transportation employed against nations and native populations unable to effectively counter the sophisticated advantages the outsiders employed. This led to Britain having the largest and most prosperous empire ever seen on Earth. But by the end of

the nineteenth century there was considerably uneasiness at home as to how long this wide flung and increasing complex arrangement could endure.

The idea that another planet, with ancient beings far in advance of our own technologically might be able to take out western civilization in a series of rapid, crippling attacks was shocking. Critics and the reading public alike were stunned by the sparse and bleak depiction of a war that the human race had no hopes of winning. None of the novel's characters including the primary protagonist even had names, adding to the bizarre disconnected sense of total annihilation the story projects. The narrator is a nameless observer who witnesses scenes of increasing horror as he watches his world, his entire civilization being shattered before his very eyes. The twist ending to the adventure is both unexpected and remarkable in its own depiction of events that no one, neither the Martian invaders nor the besieged human defenders could ever have anticipated.

H. G. Wells was no newcomer to the world of "scientific romances" as stf was called in those days. His previous stories, including "The Time Machine", "The Island of Doctor Moreau", and "The Invisible Man" had all been critical and popular successes. But sales on The War of the Worlds were far greater than any of his previous works and helped cement his literary reputation. He went on to write many other science fiction tales, and his story telling style of making the plot as credible and interesting as possible, even if the reader might recognize that some of the things in the stories were improbably or even completely impossible came to dominate the world of science fiction literature and established Wells as The Father Of Science Fiction

The story has been adapted to movies, to comics strips, comic books, a music concert, stage plays, television, video games, and to radio, most famously when Orson Welles and his Mercury Theater players offered an updated modern version on Halloween night, 1938, a broadcast that frightened millions, made Welles' reputation as a radio creator, and established once and for all the impact of modern radio drama.

The War of the Worlds the novel easily stands the test of time. It is a genuine classic, a science fiction thriller that have never been out of print since the day it was originally published, offering as much to readers today as when it was originally published.