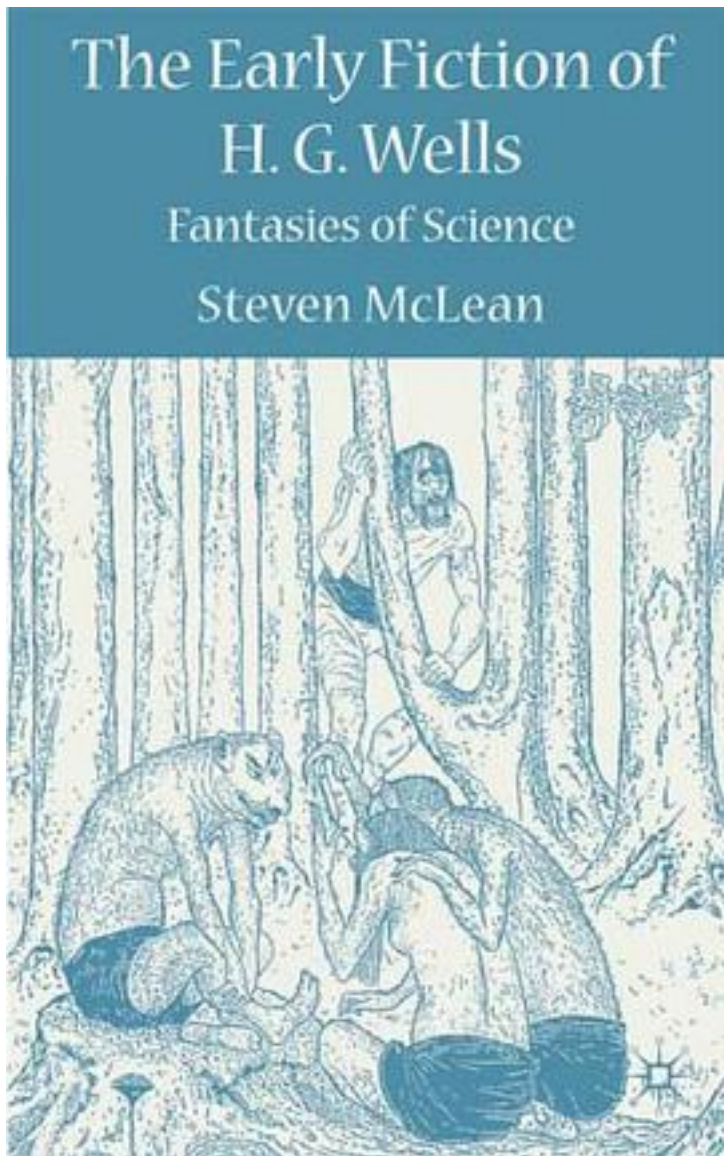


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H.G. Wells erupted onto the literary scene with a succession of brilliant scientific novels, or 'scientific romances', including *The Time Machine* (1895), *The War of the Worlds* (1898) and *The First Men in the Moon* (1901). Generally acknowledged as the pioneers of modern science fiction, Wells's early novels are immersed in contemporary science. In *The Early Fiction of H.G. Wells: Fantasies of Science*, Steven McLean offers a detailed and comprehensive study of the interconnections between Wells's scientific romances and the discourses of science in the 1890s and early years of the twentieth century. Restoring the author's early fiction to the context of the periodical press and scientific publications more generally, McLean investigates how Wells utilises his scientific romances to participate in a range of topical scientific debates, but also disputes with such leading 'men of science' as T.H. Huxley and Herbert Spencer. He concludes that Wells's scientific romances retain a definite resonance in the twenty-first century.

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