

My favourite writer.

In the 21st century it is very difficult to force teenagers to read. At school we learn classic writers, and you think it's enough to be a literate person. Some students don't know about who their favourite writer is. You must like the works of this author and they will become the best thing for your mind. You wish that you were the protagonists and live their lives. Now in the age of computers and the internet, what can surprise children? My father told me a very interesting story about his youth. When he was my age, he liked reading Herbert George Wells, a British writer. Later I found out he was the author of some famous books, like "The Invisible Man", "The War of the Worlds", "The Time Machine", "The Island of Dr. Moreau" and others. And then my father asked me, 'Why do you think the writers of science fiction could predict a lot of interesting events in the future?' I didn't know what to say to my father and I started reading books. So, that is why I like fantasy and science fiction.

The protagonist of my first favourite book by Herbert George Wells "The Invisible Man" was a talented physicist, who could make himself invisible.

From the first pages of the story, I felt excited. It started with a mystery. And I imagine that I am the invisible man: with bandages on my face, pink pasteboard nose and blue aviators, wearing a hat with big margins and a long raincoat.

At first I like that you can be invisible for all people and watch them, but later you understand that there is a border. It is a line which you mustn't cross. You can break a life of someone by only one action.

Of course, I don't want to become lonely, violent and imperious like Griffin and end up surrounded by machines instead of people.

Wells in his novel suggests that science can very often be useful for people, but at the same time it can be evil, too.

In order to understand how Herbert Wells could write about scientific discoveries of the future, invasion of aliens from outer space or evolution of the world, I want to go through his life's most memorable moments.

Herbert George Wells was born in Bromley in 1866, into a family of a gardener and a parlourmaid. When he was 14, he wanted to be a scientist, but he had to change a lot of professions. He was a gifted teenager who studied hard all the time, until he became a teacher of natural and exact science. When he was 23, he got an academic degree in biology. When thinking about South Kensington, Wells always emphasized that it was there that he first learnt to think like a scientist. I believe that I can answer my father's question about soothsayers of the future, but for the rest of the world it remains a mystery. Herbert Wells was a genius by nature. He was surrounded by eminent scientists and was a hard worker. His aspiration to achievement made him an excellent science fiction writer, a scientist, a teacher (one of his students was the author of "Winnie the Pooh" Alan Milne), a journalist and a politician. He thought about the future of the entire world. Humans are responsible for everything that happens on Earth.

He writes credibly about the incredible. In 1893 Wells writes about air fights. In 1898 he describes how the Martians destroy earthly forces through gas attacks. He foresaw fascism, predicted the atomic bomb and the terrible consequences of its explosion. And that's not all. Wells is the author of 40 novels, dozens of short stories, scientific essays. I admire this man.

I'm a boy from Russia and, of course, I'm glad that the British science fiction writer wrote about my country.

Herbert Wells was interested in Russia all his life. The first time he visited the tsarist Russia in 1914, which he remembered as the grey and cold country. He was acquainted with M. Gorky (later his good friend), Alexei Tolstoy, Korney Chukovsky and scientist Ivan Pavlov. Herbert Wells was married to a Russian woman Maria Ignatyevna Zakrevskaya. So, there are some Russian characters in his books and some of them are set in Russia.

After a trip to Petrograd and Moscow in 1920 he published a register of his impressions "Russia in the Shadows". During this trip, he met Lenin. Visiting USSR a third time in 1934, he noted that Lenin was a really great man, and not a dreamer, as he had believed previously. He also met Stalin. It is very difficult to say what kind of impression this man made on the writer.

To get to know the writer, you need to read – and not just once – all of their works. And what's more, you need to love this writer, to live through his or her books, so that he or she would become your companion for life. I think I made the right choice, as Herbert Wells is my favourite writer.