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Orson Welles's remarkable career as a director, producer, screenwriter, author, and actor may have caused some to forget his days in radio theater. This collection is a wonderful reminder. Welles's marvelous voice, moving in pitch and tone, is closer to music than speech. Best of all are Welles's introductions to the stories, in particular that of H. G. Wells, as Orson recalls his historic radio reading of *The War of the Worlds*. This is a delightful collection and a tribute to Welles's talent.

Also included in this collection:

- "Wakefield" by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- "The Red Room" by H. G. Wells
- "The Secret Sharer" by Joseph Conrad
- "Sredni Vashtar" by Saki
- "Letter to the Reverend Dr. Hyde" by Robert Louis Stevenson
- "The Tell-Tale Heart" by Edgar Allan Poe
- "The Way through the Woods" and "Mandalay" by Rudyard Kipling
- "Rikki-tikki-tavi" by Rudyard Kipling
- "The Happy Prince" by Oscar Wilde

Orson Welles (1915—1985) was an iconic Academy Award®-winning director, writer, actor and producer for film, stage, radio and television. He first gained notoriety for his October 30, 1938 radio broadcast of H. G. Wells' *The War of the Worlds*. He is now widely acknowledged as one of the most important dramatic artists of the twentieth century.

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