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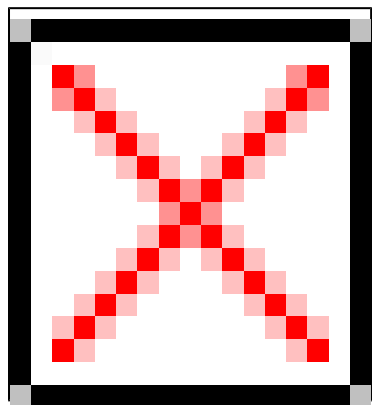
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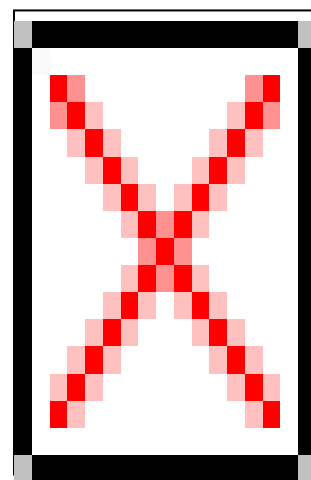
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*Matt Brown* chooses a *Woking-set, sci-fi classic*.



I think the book I most wish I'd written is H.G. Wells' **The War of the Worlds**. It was written in the dying embers of the 19th century but it feels so modern and so relevant even at a distance of more than one hundred and twenty years. **The War of the Worlds** tells the story of a brutal, devastating alien attack from Mars. I'm a sucker for sci-fi that's set on earth, which **The War of the Worlds** most certainly is. It takes place in Woking for flip's sake and has chapter titles like, *The Heat-Ray in the Cobham Road*. The idea of alien-life can seem so far-away so it's always a treat to see intelligent life travelling across the universe to blow up buildings that I recognise. It's much more fun than them acting out their violence in gleaming, distant worlds.



**The War of the Worlds** reflected the fears of its time. It's a story about a catastrophic, technologically-advanced war and was written barely sixteen years before the outbreak of WW1. And yet, wars keep on being waged, with increasingly sophisticated ways of killing, and **The War of the Worlds** just sits there, reflecting our senseless brutality right back at us.

Matt Brown's latest book **Mutant Zombies Cursed My School Trip** (978-1474960236) is published by Usborne.

**The War of the Worlds** (978-0141441030) is published by Penguin Classic, £6.99

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