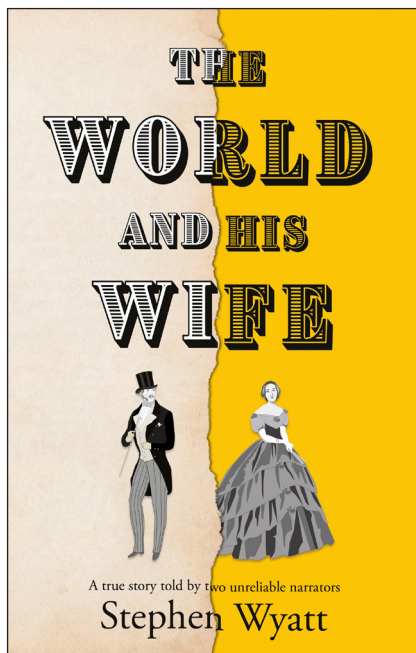


## THE WORLD AND HIS WIFE

What started as a love match lit the fire of a thirty year war...



In 1828, the beautiful Rosina Wheeler married one of Victorian England's most successful and prolific writers, Edward Bulwer-Lytton. What followed shocked and entertained the public for over thirty years.

After their marriage broke down, Rosina refused to be silenced. She pursued her husband with a single-minded and very public crusade to prove she was in the right. She even interrupted her husband's election campaign to denounce him to the assembled voters. Edward responded by threatening to have her committed to a lunatic asylum.

But that was only the beginning...

This novel draws freely on Edward and Rosina's own words. Both have a convincing story to tell – except they disagree about everything.

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He says, "I remember reading that three major writers, Thackeray, Dickens and Bulwer-Lytton, all planned at one time to put their wives into mental institutions. Thackeray's mentally unstable wife was eventually put in the care of a private keeper. Dickens' eminently sane wife was threatened with an asylum if she didn't play along with Dickens' divorce plans. But what caught my attention was the less well-known case of Bulwer-Lytton and his wife, because she was the only one who fought back. I immediately wanted to know more."

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