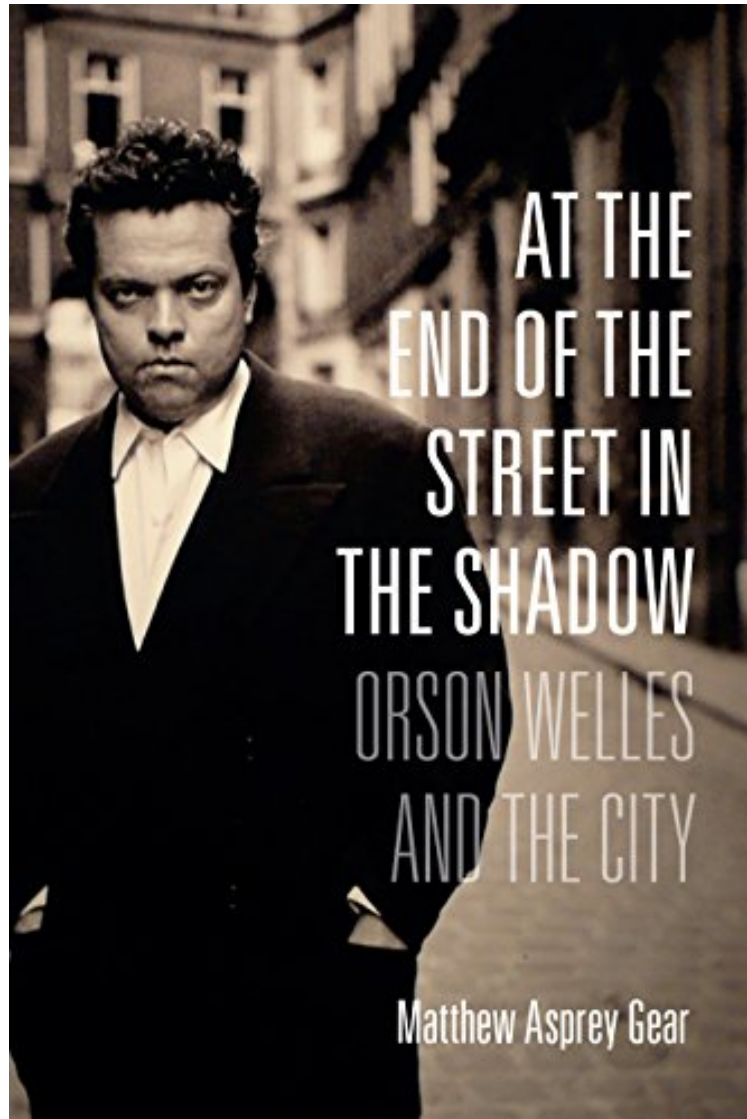


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0 of 3 people found the following review helpful. An image like this makes me believe rather immaturely that Mr Rochester ...By Kristine FisherAt the End of the Street in the Shadow: Orson Welles and the City by Matthew Gear us a free NetGalley ebook that I began reading late December, not too long before the holidays. I was immediately drawn to the cover of this book, since I'm deeply entranced by Welles' portrayal of Mr Rochester in the Joan Fontaine version

of Jane Eyre. An image like this makes me believe rather immaturely that Mr Rochester could be outside right now, walking alone down a dark street. Maybe that's an image I should keep to myself for a lonely day.....Welles' quotes are a sweet and pungent mixture, in that they are sometimes savory in nature, but then are heartbreaking in their distain. As for the contents of the book, just about all of it is synopsis, background information on the script (where just the briefest amount is devoted to the 'city' involved), and production facts. A lot of research, some theory, and that's about it.

The films of Orson Welles inhabit the spaces of cities from America's industrializing midland to its noirish borderlands, from Europe's medieval fortresses to its Kafkaesque labyrinths and postwar rubblescapes. His movies take us through dark streets to confront nightmarish struggles for power, the carnivalesque and bizarre, and the shadows and light of human character. This ambitious new study explores Welles's vision of cities by following recurring themes across his work, including urban transformation, race relations and fascism, the utopian promise of cosmopolitanism, and romantic nostalgia for archaic forms of urban culture. It focuses on the personal and political foundation of Welles's cinematic cities the way he invents urban spaces on film to serve his dramatic, thematic, and ideological purposes. The book's critical scope draws on extensive research in international archives and builds on the work of previous scholars. Viewing Welles as a radical filmmaker whose innovative methods were only occasionally compatible with the commercial film industry, this volume examines the filmmaker's original vision for butchered films, such as *The Magnificent Ambersons* (1942) and *Mr. Arkadin* (1955), and considers many projects the filmmaker never completed an immense "shadow oeuvre" ranging from unfinished and unreleased films to unrealized treatments and screenplays.

An impressive work of archival research and film analysis.... A valuable contribution to the scholarly literature on cinematic places. (Mediapolis) Asprey Gear's *At the End of the Street in the Shadow: Orson Welles and the City* has much to offer anyone interested in the numerous projects brought into being by Welles. (afterimage) About the Author Matthew Asprey Gear is an honorary academic at Macquarie University, Sydney. He has lectured in film studies and screenwriting and is the founding coeditor of *Contrappasso* magazine. Visit www.matthewaspreygear.com