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Walter Tevis, professor of English literature at the University of Ohio, first started writing sf back in 1957 with a short story for *Galaxy*. Since then, he has gained fame as the author of *The Hustler* and *The Man Who Fell To Earth*, both of which have been made into successful films, the latter evocatively portraying an enigmatic alien's visit to Earth, and starring David Bowie in the lead role.



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WALTER TEVIS

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