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From the Inside Flap

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About the Author

ALFRED MÉTRAUX was a Swiss anthropologist, ethnologist and human rights leader. A dedicated humanitarian, he brought the brilliance of South American Indian cultures to light, solved the mysteries of Easter Island, taught the world about *voodoo*, and defined the United Nations' stand against racism. Winner of the Guggenheim Fellowship for Natural Sciences, his books include *Voodoo in Haiti*, *The History of the Incas* and *Easter Island*. At the time of his death, he was Professor of South American Anthropology at the École Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris.

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