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前言

亨德里克·威廉·房龙（HendrikwillemlvanL, oon, 1882-1944），著名荷兰裔美国作家、历史学家、科普作家和文学家。

房龙于1882年1月出生于荷兰鹿特丹。

幼年时期的房龙由于家庭内部暴力而感受不到温暖，8岁就进入寄宿学校，10岁起沉溺于史学。

20岁以后，房龙到美国康奈尔大学、德国慕尼黑大学求学，获得博士学位，但他并没有成为书斋里的学究。

他当过编辑、记者和老师，屡经漂泊，同时苦练写作。

房龙还是个多才多艺的人，从小就对历史、地理、船舶、绘画和音乐感兴趣，而且终生未曾放弃。

他能用10种文字写作并与人交流，还拉得一手小提琴，善绘画，他著作中几乎所有的插图都是自己绘制。

1921年，房龙出版《人类的故事》，使他一举成名，从此迎来了创作的丰收期。

之后，《发明的故事》、《圣经的故事》、《美国的故事》、《房龙地理》（又名《人类的家园》）、《人类的艺术》、《宽容》（又名《人类的解放》）、《与世界伟人谈心》、《伦勃朗传》、《荷兰共和国兴衰史》、《太平洋的故事》等几十部著作陆续出版，几乎本本畅销，饮誉世界，许多国家都翻译出版了他的作品。

可以说，房龙一生出版的30余种著作，将人类各方面的历史几乎全都复述了一遍。

房龙在学问和文学上坚持文人主义的立场，并逐渐形成了一套自己的理解和表达方式。

他认为：“凡学问一到穿上专家的拖鞋，躲进了它的‘精舍’，而把它鞋子上的泥土作肥料去的时候，它就宣布自己预备死了。

与人隔绝的知识生活是引到毁灭去的。

”因此，深入浅出地将艰深枯燥的学问化作轻松风趣的精神食粮，成了房龙作品的显著特征。

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内容概要

太平洋是世界上最浩瀚、辽阔的大洋，它给予人类的不仅是湛蓝的、深不可测的景观或者具有摧毁性威力的风暴，而且还有无数宝藏和资源。

房龙以其深厚的学养和语言功底，将几百年来航海家们的伟大功绩娓娓道来，告诉我们太平洋的一个又一个奥秘是怎样被发现的，不但充满了绮丽的异国情调，而且蕴涵着丰富的人生哲理。

本书中，作者以新的视野讲述了发现太平洋的历史过程：从巴拿马地峡到静静的达连山，从波利尼西亚人对太平洋最早发现到麦哲伦等人的航海之旅，从新大陆探险的狂热到由此引发的造成数万欧洲人破产的大骗局，从复活节岛上的奇迹到《鲁滨逊漂流记》主人公原型的真实生活……。

简洁优美的文字，再配上房龙亲手绘制的插图，将给你的阅读带来无穷乐趣。

本书为英文原版。

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作者简介

房龙（Hendrik Willem Van Loon，1882-1944），荷裔美国著名通俗历史学家。

善于用轻巧俏皮的文字，撰写历史、文化、文明、科学等方面的通俗历史著作。

向人类的无知与偏执挑战，将知识与真理普及为人所共知的常识。

一生中出版了三十余种书籍，单枪匹马地将人类各方面的历史几乎全都复述一遍。

其中《宽容》、《人类的故事》、《房龙地理》（即《人类的家园》）等畅销著作，影响了几代人。

郁达夫曾说，房龙的笔有一种魔力，干燥无味的科学常识经他那么一写，无论大人小孩，读他书的人都觉得娓娓忘倦了。

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SAME⁴⁵ AFRICA, THE CONTINENT OF CONTRADICTIONS AND CONTRASTS⁴⁶ AMERICA, THE MOST FORTUNATE OF ALL⁴⁷ A NEW WORLD THE STORY OF THE PACIFIC 1 THE PANAMA CANAL 2 SILENT ON A BENCH IN DARIEN 3 THE PREHISTORIC PACIFIC 4 MORE GUESSWORK 5 THE EARLIEST HISTORY OF POLYNESIA 6 THE SECOND DISCOVERY OF THE PACIFIC 7 THE QUEST OF THE GREAT UNKNOWN CONTINENT OF THE SOUTH 8 ABEL TASMAN PUTS NEW HOLLAND ON THE MAP 9 JACOB ROGGEVEEN 10 CAPTAIN JAMES COOK, R.N.

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4 MAPS . A VERY BRIEF CHAPTER UPON A VERY BIG AND FASCINATING SUBJECT . TOGETHER WITH A FEW OBSERVATIONS ON THE WAY PEOPLE SLOWLY LEARNED HOW TO FIND THEIR WAY ON THIS PLANET OF OURS WE are SO accustomed to maps that it is almost impossible for us to imagine a time when there were no maps , when the notion of travelling according to a map was as foreign to man's conception of ultimate possibilities as the idea of traversing space in the form of a mathematical formula would be to us today . The ancient Babylonians , who were such excellent geometrists that they could make a cadastral survey of their entire kingdom (that survey was made in 3800 B . C . , or 2400 years before Moses was born) , have left us a few clay tablets containing what must have been an outline of their domains , but these were hardly maps in our sense of the word . The Egyptians , in order to get every penny of taxes they could sweat out of their hard-working subjects , also made a survey of their kingdom , which showed that they knew enough about practical mathematics to perform this difficult task . BUT no maps in the modern sense of the word have SO far been found in any of the royal sepulchres . The Greeks , the most curious-minded and nosy people of the ancient world . wrote endless treatises upon the SUBJECT of geography , but we know next to nothing about their maps . Here and there in some great commercial center there seem to have been engraved bronze tablets showing the best route to be followed if a merchant wanted to get from one part of the eastern Mediterranean to another . BUT none of these tablets has ever been dug up and we have no idea what they looked like . Alexander the Great . who covered greater distances than any other human being before him and very many after him . must have been possessed of a certain “ geographical sense ” .

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