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#### About the Author

Journalist and explorer William Seabrook (1884–1945) possessed a fascination with the occult that led him across the globe to study magic rituals, train as a witch doctor, and sample human flesh. In addition to publishing more than a dozen books, he wrote for *The New York Times*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Reader's Digest*, and *Vanity Fair*.

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