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ALFRED METRAUX: FROM FIELDWORK TO HUMAN RIGHTS.

The Itinerary of a 20th-Century Ethnographer

(Shamanism in the regions of Amazonian, Haiti
and the Easter Islands)

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Alfred Metraux (1902-1963) is considered one of the most important European Ethnologists of the 20th Century. Metraux was one of the first to study the people and cultures of natives of South America, Amazonian, Haiti and the Easter Islands. He became the director of the Institute of Ethnography of the University of Tucumán in Argentina. He wrote two very well respected works on the ethnohistory of the extinct Tupinambá Indians of Brazil. His book "Voodoo in Haiti." was able to delve into this misunderstood culture with an objective and open mind and this ability accompanied by his photography of the people and rituals make this book considered one of the best books about Voodoo written thus far.



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