

Sir James G. Frazer (1854-1941), the famed author of *The Golden Bough*, examines the prevalence of flood myths around the world to identify the folkloric origins of the widespread belief that the world was once submerged beneath the waters while only a few humans survived. Writing in the introduction to this remarkable volume, Frazer explains his goal: "My purpose is to discover how the narratives arose, and how they came to be so widespread over the earth; with the question of their truth or falsehood I am not primarily concerned, though of course it cannot be ignored in considering the problem of their origin." Frazer sought no simple answer; indeed, he concluded that flood myths have a range of origins, including both independent developments and diffusion from a common source. Today, Frazer's collection of world flood myths remains one of the most comprehensive ever assembled and a treasury of information for students of comparative mythology. *The Great Flood* grew out of Frazer's 1916 Huxley Lecture at the Royal Anthropological Institute and was published as the fourth chapter of Frazer's *Folk-lore in the Old Testament* (1918). This edition reprints the complete text of *The Great Flood* along with an abridged selection of the original notes.

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