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#### About the Author

Raymond Smullyan received his PhD from Princeton University and taught at Dartmouth, Princeton, Indiana University, and New York's Lehman College. Best known for his mathematical and creative logic puzzles and games, he was also a concert pianist and a magician. He wrote over a dozen books of logic puzzles and texts on mathematical logic.

#### Raymond Smullyan: The Merry Prankster

Raymond Smullyan (1919–2017), mathematician, logician, magician, creator of extraordinary puzzles, philosopher, pianist, and man of many parts. The first Dover book by Raymond Smullyan was *First-Order Logic* (1995). Recent years have brought a number of his magical books of logic and math puzzles: *The Lady or the Tiger* (2009); *Satan, Cantor and Infinity* (2009); an original, never-before-published collection, *King Arthur in Search of His Dog and Other Curious Puzzles* (2010); and *Set Theory and the Continuum Problem* (with Melvin Fitting, also reprinted by Dover in 2010). More will be coming in subsequent years.

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"Some people are always critical of vague statements. I tend rather to be critical of precise statements: they are the only ones which can correctly be labeled 'wrong.'" — Raymond Smullyan

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