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### 内容概要

《房龙地理》房龙对于世界地理的解读，不仅限于讨论地球的自然特征，他没有罗列枯燥的数字，没有堆砌深奥的名词，而是把人作为重点，来探究人的生存命运，试图寻找到人类幸福的共通之路。房龙用文学手法赋予知识以灵性，把自然地理的规律和人文的千姿百态展现在读者面前。

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1882--1944），荷裔美国人，著名学者、作家、历史地理学家。

1882年出生在荷兰，他是出色的通俗作家，伟大的文化普及者他在历史、文化、文明、科学等方面都有著作，而且读者众多。

他的作品早在二十世纪二三十年代就被引入中国，影响了整整一代人。

房龙的主要著述有：《荷兰航海家宝典》（1916）、《发现简史》（1917）、《古人类》（1920）、《人类的故事》（1921）、《圣经的故事》（1923）、《太平洋的故事》（1940）等。

他的地理学代表著作《房龙地理》用生动浅显的语言诠释了“人文地理”这一概念，是读者了解世界地理的入门级读物。

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Today's interest however in Persia is of a more prosaic nature. The country has oil , and that is about the worst thing that could possibly happen to a nation too weak to defend its own interests. Theoretically speaking , the natives of any given place are supposed to be the chief beneficiaries of the treasures that lie hidden beneath their ancestral grave-yards. In practice it works out differently. A few of the Sultan's intimate friends in far away Teheran grow rich from granting concessions , and several thousand men and women living near the wells may find occasional employment at pretty meagre wages. But the rest goes to the foreign investor who thinks Persia is the name of a rug. Unfortunately , Persia seems to be one of those countries which will always be poor and badly administered. Its geographical location is very little of a blessing and very much of a curse. It is a desert , but when a desert is situated on the main road , which in turn is part of a land bridge connecting two of the most important parts of the world , then that desert will forever be a battlefield and a bone of contention between opposing interests. And what I have just said of Persia holds true of this entire western part of Asia. ....

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房龙的这一种方法，实在巧妙不过，干燥无味的科学常识，经他那么的一写，无论大人小孩，读他的书的人，都觉得娓娓忘倦了。

——郁达夫

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