

Edith Hamilton

Edith Hamilton was born in Dresden, Germany in 1867. Her parents returned to the United States shortly after her birth, and made their home in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In 1884 Hamilton attended a finishing school in Farmington, Connecticut for two years, then returned to Indiana and prepared for her entry into Bryn Mawr College. She majored in greek and latin at Bryn Mawr, and received a master of arts degree there in 1894. Hamilton spent the following year as a fellow in latin at Bryn Mawr, for which she received the Mary E. Garrett European Fellowship award.

The cash associated with the Garrett award afforded Edith and her sister Alice the opportunity to further their education in Germany. Edith was pursuing a doctoral degree at the University of Munich when Bryn Mawr's president called and persuaded her to return to the United States. In 1896 Hamilton was Bryn Mawr's head administrator; ten years later, she became the school's first headmistress. Hamilton retired from Bryn Mawr in 1922. She moved to New York City two years later and began her writing career. She first composed essays on Greek drama for the *Theater Arts Monthly*, then authored half-a-dozen works of nonfiction.

Her books examine the early cultures. *The Greek Way* (1930), for instance, captures the spirit and achievement of ancient Greece. (Hamilton believed that the classical Greek philosophers achieved a 'flowering of the mind' never again equaled in the history of western civilization.) *The Roman Way* (1932) analyses the writings of the early Roman authors, while *The Prophets of Israel* (1936) interprets the beliefs of the 'spokesmen for God' in the Old Testament. Hamilton moved to Washington, D.C. in 1942, and continued to write. She was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and received titular degrees from Yale University, the University of Rochester, and the University of Pennsylvania. In 1957 she became an honorary citizen of Athens, where King Paul of Greece decorated her with the Golden Cross of the Order of Benefaction. Edith Hamilton died in Washington, in 1963.

Essay by Bill Lounsbery

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