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Jacob Bronowski (1908–1974) was a mathematician, biologist, science historian, and author. His other well-known works include *The Origins of Knowledge and Imagination* and *The Western Intellectual Tradition, From Leonardo to Hegel*. **Richard Dawkins** is the author of *The God Delusion* and *The Selfish Gene.*

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