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# THE THINKING MACHINE

JACQUES FUTRELLE

## READING GROUP GUIDE

1. Do you like the Thinking Machine? What do you see as his redeeming personal qualities?
2. How does Professor Van Dusen compare to Sherlock Holmes? Hutchison Hatch to Dr. Watson?
3. Do you find these stories dated? Or do they play well to today's readers?
4. How realistic are the other principal characters—Hutchinson Hatch, Detective Mallory?
5. How do you think Jacques Futrelle's writing might have changed if he had survived the sinking of the *Titanic*? Do you think he would have been a giant in the field?