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Erich Fromm was a German-born American psychoanalyst and social philosopher who explored the interaction between psychology and society. His works include *The Art of Loving*, *Escape from Freedom*, and *The Sane Society*. He died in 1980.

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