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文字是传递知识的载体,语言是表达心灵的密码。文字虽然可以跨越时间和地域的障碍,却不能像语言一样,给人以强烈的震撼力。而演讲,就是用强有力的语言来表达自己的思想和见解,并达到感染别人的目的。

演讲是政治家赢得选票的筹码,是革命者鼓舞群众的武器,是思想家传播智慧的种子。古往今来,有多少人因其富于智慧和激情的演讲而名留青史。那些激动人心的话语,不仅触动了听众的心弦,而且以潜移默化的方式改变着时代前进的方向。

因为时空的阻隔,我们无法亲眼看到演讲者昔日指点江山、激扬文字的风采,也无法亲耳听到他们声情并茂、激励人心的演说。 但是,他们的演说可以以文字的形式记录下来,这给我们留下了追思的依据和想象的空间。

演讲在人类的历史发展中起着很重要的作用。我们通过学习前人的演讲,继而提高自己的演讲水平,这样才能为事业的成功奠定有利的基础。为了让读者在学习英语的同时,感受前人无穷的智慧和运用文字的技巧,并学为己用,提高演讲水平,我们编写了《我的枕边英语书:这些,成就独一无二的你(升级版)》这本书。

本书共20个标题,487个句子。每个句子都是选自名人演讲,中英文对照,并注明演讲人。下设"For you""Words and Phrases"两个版块。而"For you",则用精炼的文字,阐述编者自己对所选佳句的理解。

我们希望读者通过阅读欣赏此书,不仅可以提高自己的英语水平,并且能够从前人的智慧话语中得到对人生和社会的新的感悟,提高个人素养。

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1.内容丰富,涉及面广

本书有487个演讲句子,包括平等、自由、战争、和平、生命、勇气、乐观和幸福等,将演讲中经常涉及的主题尽数收录。

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- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Words and Phrases

halthound [Helhaund] n. 地狱之犬; 恶鬼 gnaw at 啃、咬; 侵蚀

-2.语言精炼,震撼力强

本书所选的487个句子都是从名人的演说中精选的最富有哲理和震撼力的句子,在勉励读者的同时,激发他们的学习动力,提升学习兴趣。

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3.深入阐述,便于理解

在"For you"版块中,附有编者对所收录"励志格言"的深刻阐述。编者深入浅出的说明,能更好地帮助读者理解句意,感悟伟大人物的思想与精神境界。

4.中英文对照,利于 学习

本书中每个英语句子 都附有中文翻译, 表述准 确、言辞优美。让您在学 习英语的同时,不知不觉 地提高自己的中文水平。

I believe that God has planted in every human heart the desire to live George W. Bush

我相信上帝已经在每个人的心里种下了渴望自由的种子。

- 乔治·布什

that was planted in people's hearts. Once it is sown, it will take root and sprout rapidly and become a big tree at last. 对自由的渴望就像是植 人人(I)O田的一粒种子,一旦种下去,就会迅速生根 发芽、直到长成一棵大树。

Words and Phrases

神植: 播种

通种 - 福种机、振种者 (m) / 发芽、长芽 / 笠芽



5.生词短语, 重点记忆

在"Words and Phrases"版块中,本书 对每个英语句子中的生词和 短语都给出了注释,并对部 分常用单词进行了衍生与扩 展,在方便读者阅读的同 时,更能积累词汇量,一举 两得。

History does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak or the timid. - Dwight D. Eisenhower

历史证明,自由在弱者或懦夫的手里不会长久。 ——德怀特·D. 艾森豪威尔

Freedom needs to be protected with all our efforts. If we are too weak or timid, we will lose it in the end. 自由需要我们拼尽全力去保卫。倘若我们太软弱或怯 情,我们将会失去自由。

Words and Phrases **要托:付托**

信任; 信托; 信托财产 a schola 托管制度 ad 担小的; 羞怯的 bb) n 胆小、怯懦



6.全彩插图, 意境唯美

本书配有紧贴各主题 的优美插图,每日临睡前在 唯美的意境中品读伟人的演 讲,将成为你绝佳的享受。

I believe that right can and will triumph over might.

- John Davison Rockefeller

我相信正义能够并且终将会战胜权力。

Victory is always with the right party. Therefore, no matter how strong the evil forces are, we should have belief that we can defeat them。胜利永远属于正义的一方。因此,无论邪恶 势力多么强大。我们都要相信我们终将战胜他们。

Words and Phrases

triumph (trauxmil) n 胜利; 欢欣 v 战胜; 获胜 triumph over 击败; 战胜 triumphal (trauxmil) ad: 凯旋的; 胜利的

might [matt] n. 力量; 威力; 权力





我们生来平等 All Men Are Created Equal



I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

我有一个梦想:有一天这个国家将会奋起,真正实践自己的信条,即"人人生来平等,我们认为这是不言而喻的真理。"——马丁·路德·金

For you

"All men are created equal" has been written into the constitutions of many countries, but it is difficult to realize it. However, at the cost of the efforts and bloodshed of generations, we are approaching it step by step. 许多国家的宪法里都写着"人人生来平等",但真正实现它却并不容易。然而,经过数代人的不懈努力和流血牺牲,我们正在一点一点地接近这个目标。

Words and Phrases

rise up 起来反抗;起义 live out 实践 creed [kri:d] n. 信条;教义 belief [bɪ'li:f] n. 信仰;信念 bloodshed ['blʌdʃed] n. 流血;杀戮 step by step 逐步地

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I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

我有一个梦想:有一天,我的4个孩子将生活在一个不是以肤色的深浅,而是以品德的优劣来评判他们的国家里。——马丁·路德·金

For you

Nobody should be despised for their family background, and no people should be deprived of their human rights for the color of their skin. We should treat every person equally. 没有人应当因为出身而受到轻视,也没有哪个民族应当因为肤色而被剥夺人权。我们应当平等地对待每一个人。

Words and Phrases

judge [dʒʌdʒ] v. 判断; 审判 content ['kontent] n. 内容; 容量 despise [dr'spazz] v. 鄙视,看不起 family background 家庭背景 equally ['i:kwelɪ] adv. 相等地; 同样地 equation [ɪ'kweɪʒn] n. 相等; 均衡; 方程式

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. — Martin Luther King, Jr.

我有一个梦想:有一天,在佐治亚州的红色山丘上,昔日奴隶的儿子们和昔日 奴隶主的儿子们能够像兄弟一样坐在一起。 ——马丁·路德·金

For you

Nowadays slaves and slave owners are both gone. The distinction between the black people and the white people is vanishing away gradually. 如今,奴隶、 奴隶主都已经成为了历史。黑人与白人之间的差别也正在逐渐地消失。

Words and Phrases

former ['fo:ma] adj. 从前的; 前任的 be able to 会, 能够 brotherhood ['brʌðəhʊd] n. 兄弟关系; 手足情谊 nowadays ['nauədeɪz] adv. 现今; 时下 tomorrow [təˈmɒrəʊ] n. 明天,明日 adv. 在明天,在明日 distinction [dɪ'stɪŋkʃn] n. 区别;差别 vanish ['vænɪʃ] v. 消失;突然不见

I want to be the white man's brother, not his brother-in-law.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

我想成为白人的兄弟, 而不是他们的姻亲。

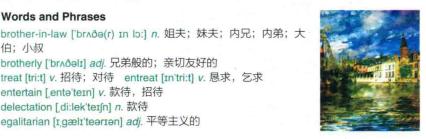
-- 马丁・路徳・金

For you

Only when the whites treat the blacks as brothers, the United States can be called an egalitarian country. 只有当白人把黑人当做自己的兄弟一样对待的时候,美 国才能被称为是一个平等的国家。

Words and Phrases

伯; 小叔 brotherly ['brʌðəlɪ] adj. 兄弟般的; 亲切友好的 treat [tri:t] v. 招待; 对待 entreat [ɪnˈtri:t] v. 恳求, 乞求 entertain [entə'teɪn] v. 款待,招待 delectation [di:lek'teɪʃn] n. 款待 egalitarian [ɪˌɡælɪˈteərɪən] adj. 平等主义的



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Words and Phrases

hellhound ['helhaund] n. 地狱之犬; 恶鬼 gnaw at 啃, 咬; 侵蚀 inferiority [ɪnˌfɪərɪ'orətɪ] n. 自卑; 低劣 dominate ['domɪneɪt] v. 支配; 统治 domination [ˌdomɪ'neɪʃn] n. 统治; 支配 dominion [ˌdəˈmɪnɪən] n. 统治, 管辖; 支配 put emphasis on 重视; 强调 superior to 优于; 比……优越





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This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

只有自由平等的爽朗秋天到来,黑人义愤填鹰的酷暑才会过去。

For you

Nothing can compensate the blacks for the sufferings that they have experienced unless they are given freedom and equality. 只有给予黑人自由和平等,才能补偿他们所经历的苦难。

Words and Phrases

sweltering ['swelterɪŋ] *adj.* 酷热的 legitimate [lɪˈdʒɪtɪmət] *adj.* 正当的,合理的;合法的 discontent [ˌdɪskənˈtent] *n.* 不满 *adj.* 不满的

invigorating [ɪnˈvɪgəreɪtɪŋ] adj. 精力充沛的; 爽快的

compensate ['kompensert] v. 补偿; 赔偿

We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

我们必须像兄弟一样一起生活,否则就会像愚人一样一起灭亡。

For you

Human beings can survive only if we get on well with each other. Constant conflicts and wars will lead us to extinction one day. 只有和平相处,人类才能共同繁荣。无休止的冲突和战争终将导致人类的灭亡。



Words and Phrases

perish ['perɪʃ] v. 毁灭;消失;腐烂 constant ['konstənt] adj. 经常的;不变的 extinction [ɪk'stɪŋkʃn] n. 消失 extinct [ɪk'stɪŋkt] adj. 灭绝的 ecocide ['i:kəʊsaɪd] n. 生态灭绝 die out 灭绝,消失

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All are equal, all are free, and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness.

— Barack Obama

每个人都是平等的,都是自由的,人人都享有充分追求幸福的权利。

For you

Everyone has right to pursue their own happiness without harming others; nobody should obtain it at the cost of others' misery. 每个人都有权利在不伤害他人的前提下,夫追求自己的幸福; 每个人都不能将自己的幸福建立在他人的痛苦之上。

Words and Phrases

deserve [dr'z3:v] v. 应受,应得 measure ['meʒə] n. 手段,方法;程度;限度 measurable ['meʒərəbl] adj. 可测量的 measurably ['meʒərəblɪ] adv. 可测地;清楚地 measurement ['meʒəmənt] n. 测量,度量 meterage ['miːtərɪdʒ] n. 量度,测度 misery ['mɪzərɪ] n. 痛苦,悲惨 painful ['peɪnfl] adj. 令人疼痛的

It was we, the people; not we, the white male citizens; nor yet we, the male citizens; but we, the whole people, who formed the Union.

Susan Brownnell Anthony

是我们——人民,不是白人男性公民,也不是男性公民,而是我们——全体人 民,组成了这个联邦。 ——苏珊·安东尼

For you

Men or women, old or young, every person is a member of the country, and none of them should be unfairly excluded from the rights that God bestowed on them. 无论 男女老幼,每个人都是国家的一份子,没有人应当被不公平地剥夺上帝赋予他们的权利。



Words and Phrases

male [meɪl] adj. 男性的; 雄性的 citizen ['sɪtɪzn] n. 公民; 市民; 老百姓 unfairly [ʌnˈfeəlɪ] adv. 不公平地 exclude [ɪkˈskluːd] v. 排除; 不包括

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Every discrimination against women in the constitutions and laws of the several states is today null and void, precisely as is every one against Negroes.

— Susan Brownnell Anthony

无论是国家的宪法,还是少数几个州的法律,其中歧视女性的条款,和那些歧视黑人的条款一样,在今天都是无效的。——苏珊·安东尼

For you

In a civilized society, women should enjoy the same rights as men, which should be ensured by constitutions and laws. 在文明社会中,宪法和法律应当确保女性享有与男性同等之权利。

Words and Phrases

discrimination [dɪˌskrɪmɪ'neɪʃn] n. 歧视;区别 racial discrimination 种族歧视 null and void 无效的 precisely [prɪ'saɪslɪ] adv. 精确地;恰恰 precision [prɪ'sɪʒn] n. 精确,准确 civilized ['sɪvəlaɪzd] adj. 文明的;有礼貌的 friendly ['frendlɪ] adj. 友好的

As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master.

Abraham Lincoln

因为我不想做奴隶, 所以也不想做奴隶主。

——亚伯拉罕·林肯

Words and Phrases

slaver ['sleɪvə(r)] n. 奴隶贩子; 口水 v. 流口水 slave [sleɪv] n. 奴隶; 苦工 v. 苦干 slavish ['sleɪvɪʃ] adj. 奴隶般的; 盲从的 slavishly ['sleɪvɪʃlɪ] adv. 奴隶般地; 盲从地 slave society 奴隶社会 master ['mɑːstə] n. 主人; 大师 expert ['ekspɜːt] n. 专家

For you

Where there are slaves, there are masters. When there are no slaves in the world and everyone is equal, there would be no masters. 有奴隶, 才会有奴隶主。如果世上没有奴隶, 人人平等, 也就不会有奴隶主了。

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Whenever I hear anyone arguing for slavery I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally.

— Abraham Lincoln

每当我听到有人赞成奴隶制度,我都忍不住想看看他自己变成奴隶后是什么感 受。 ——亚伯拉罕·林肯

For you

"Do not do to others what you would not have them do to you." If you don't want to be a slave, why do you ask others to be? "己所不欲,勿施于人。"倘若你自己不愿意变成奴隶,为什么要让别人当奴隶呢?

Words and Phrases

argue ['ɑ:gju:] v. 争论,争辩 argue for 赞成; 支持 debate [dr'bert] v. 辩论,讨论 impulse ['ɪmpʌls] n. 冲动; 一时的念头 impulsive [ɪmˈpʌlsɪv] adj. 易冲动的 try on 试验; 试穿

personally ['pɜːsənəlɪ] *adv.* 亲自;就个人来说personal ['pɜːsənl] *adj.* 个人的,私人的



If slavery is not wrong, nothing is wrong.

Abraham Lincoln

如果奴隶制没有错的话,那就再没有什么是错误的了。———亚伯拉罕·林肯

For you

If it is not wrong that one people enslaves another, there is no need for the human beings to create the word "justice". 如果一个民族奴役另一个民族不是错 误,那么人类就没有必要创造"正义"这个词了。

Words and Phrases

no need 不需要;不必了 justice ['dʒʌstɪs] n. 公平; 正义; 司法



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Though disfranchised, we have few women in the best sense.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton

虽然被剥夺了公民选举权,但很少有女性意识到这一点。

——伊丽莎白·卡迪·斯坦顿

For you

When an unequal law or convention has lasted for too long a time, many people may think it is reasonable, even those who are harmed by it. 当某个不公 平的法律或惯例持续得太久,许多人就会觉得它是合理的,就连那些受它迫害的人也这 样想。

Words and Phrases

disfranchise [dis'fræntfaiz] v. 剥夺公民权;剥夺……权利

sense [sens] n. 观念; 判断力; 理智

convention [ken'ven[en] n. 惯例; 公约 treaty ['tri:tr] n. (国际间的)条约,协定

pact [pækt] n. 条约, 协议 reasonable [ˈriːznəbl] adj. 合理的

reasonably ['ri:znəblɪ] adv. 合乎逻辑地