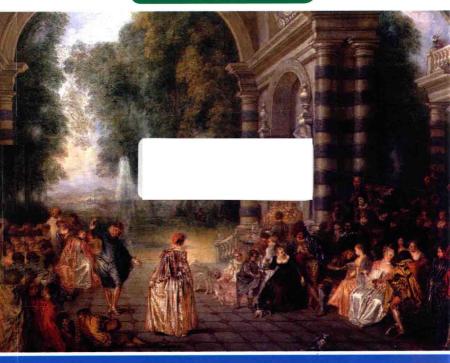
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I LUBNA DOONE

Introduction

R D Blackmore

Richard Doddridge Blackmore was born in 1825, the son of a Church of England priest. He went to school in Tiverton, which is where we meet John Ridd in the first chapter of this book.

Blackmore went to Exeter College, Oxford, and then studied law. He practised as a lawyer in the courts for a few years, but poor health forced him to leave London, and he started growing flowers, fruit and vegetables for the market. At the same time, he wrote poetry, not very successfully. His first novel, Clara Vauphan, was much more successfull when it appeared in 1864.

His historical novel *Lorna Doone* appeared in 1869. It was not a great success when it first came out in three **volumes**. Some people liked the way the hero, John Ridd, was presented on his Exmoor farm, the way his love of the country became clear. They spoke to others about the book, its exciting adventures and its tender love story, and so more people read it. It became a **classic**, although neither the writer nor the book-sellers expected it. And it is still a well-loved classic, often used today as material for films and television.

It was partly an accident that the novel became a "bestseller". A young member of the company which had produced

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CHAPTER 1 The Doones

紅恩家族

· QUESTIONS BEFORE READING

- ▶ There were three people in the carriage. Who were they?
- What had happened to John Ridd's father?
- Who were Annie and Lizzie?
- ▶ Why did John teach himself to use a gun? (Because...)

I LURNA DOONE

My name is John Ridd. My home is in Oare, a village in a part of England called Somerset. My father was a farmer. The farm came to him from his father; it had been our farm for hundreds of years. I went to school in Tiverton. I learnt a little at school, but I left school early.

This is how I left school on the twenty-ninth of November, 1673.

We came out of school at five o'clock. A long line of horses was coming down the road with soldiers guarding them. The horses were carrying goods. They were being guarded because it was said that Tom Faggus was near and might steal the goods. Tom Faggus was my cousin. He was well known as a highwayman.

We all ran to the gate to see the soldiers pass.

Just then a man with horses came round the corner.

"Have any of you seen John Ridd?" he asked.

The man was John Fry; he was a servant at our home.

I went forward and spoke to him. "Why have you come at this time, John?" I asked, "School doesn't end until next month. There is a month more of school."

❸名著简写,原汁原味

外籍英语专家根据原著精心简写,用词简洁,句型简单,既保留了原著精彩的故事情节,又保证了语言的原汁原味和通俗易懂,易于提升读者阅读的成就感。

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全书英文部分全部配有 参考译文。译文除了能 帮助读者更好地理解作 品外,还可以帮助读者 通过英汉文字的对比, 了解两种语言不同的表 达方式,提升语感和翻 译写作能力。

洛娜・杜恩』

Roman Catholic 罗马天主教徒 1685年產理二世死后,民众更加不满,因为他 的勞兇,新聞工館場所二世是罗马天主教徒。很多人 支持冀茅斯公爵而不是詹姆斯当国王。蒙茅斯是庭理 二世的儿子,但是查理国王和他的母亲可能没有結 婚。蒙茅斯的支持者们开始为他从海外归来取代詹姆 斯敬安排。但是这些人动作太慢、蒙茅斯和他的顾 何智囊们又太急躁。公爵在多塞特郡的荣姆里吉斯 登陆,此时距查理的死只有4个月。他的支持者们能 够为他召集的队伍只是那些没有受过训练的乡下人, 就像本书中约翰,且德描述的那样。在不到一个月的 时间里,这支"队伍"就被詹姆斯的正规军在萨默塞 特郡的盛奇高招区消灭了。蒙茅斯被处死,他的支持 者们也在法官杰弗里斯操控下的"血腥巡回裁判庭" 号审。

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埃克斯穆尔位于英国西部萨默塞特郡和德文郡 之间。其大部分是高地,海拔超过500米。东西长 约34公里,南北宽约20公里,地势较高的部分寸木 不生,只有低矮的灌木,岩石和沼泽,其间有美丽的 峡谷,本书所描述的奥阿拉村就位于其中一个峡谷, 今天你仍然可以找到这个村子。从那里出发才能寻见 两条小溪谷,分别叫兰克库姆和霍克姆库姆,在这 两条美丽的溪谷之间就是布莱克默尔所描述的杜恩 峡谷。

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Language Points to Remember 好句好段记心上

- Just then a man with horses came round the corner. 就在这时,一个牵马的男人从拐弯处出现了。
- We left Tiverton early in the morning.
 一大早我们就离开了蒂弗顿。

7美文佳句,日积月累

章节中出现的美文佳 句,值得学习者反复研 读、背诵和模仿。

❸读后问题,深入思考

书后提出关于整个故事的问题,帮助读者回顾故事内容、重温精彩情节。开放性的问题没有固定答案,供读者独立思考或同他人讨论,有助于对故事产生更深刻的理解。

洛娜·杜恩』

Questions on the Whole Story

These are harder questions. Read the Introduction, and think hard about the questions before you answer them. Some of them ask for your opinion, and there is no fixed answer.

- 1 Can you give the name of
 - a the hero of the story?
 - b the heroine?
 - c the hero's worst enemy?
 - d Winnie's owner?
 - e the most powerful judge in England?
- 2 Can you give three examples of John Ridd's skill as a wrestler and fighter?
- 3 Answer these questions about Lorna Doone:
 - a What was her real name?
 - b Who was her father?
 - c Where did her mother come from?
- d What happened to her mother at Watchet?
 - e Who was her guardian in London?

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Introduction

William Makepeace Thackeray

Thackeray was born in 1811. As a child, he lived in India, where his father (like Jos Sedley in *Vanity Fair*) was a "collector", an officer who governed a large area for the British East India Company and collected its taxes.

Thackeray was sent to school in England in 1817. Then he went to Cambridge University. He did not complete his studies there, but he became the friend of some young writers and poets, including Edward Fitzgerald and Tennyson. He travelled in Europe, meeting the poet Goethe at Weimar. He began to study law in 1831, but he did not become a lawyer. Instead, he started to write for the newspapers. For a time, he also studied art in Paris.

He wrote for *Punch*, and his writing was directed more and more at the state of English society, especially the upper and middle classes. The *Punch* pieces that are probably best known today are "The **Snobs** of England" (1847), which showed the false pride and **pretences** of the people who wanted to seem important, the people who (like George Osborne's father in *Vanity Fair*) kept away from those they believed to be poorer or

n. 收款员

咸廉・梅克皮斯・萨克雷

萨克雷生于1811年。童年时,他住在印度、父 collector 亲 (就像《名利场》中的乔斯・塞德利)是那儿的一 位"收税员",为英国东印度公司管辖一片广阔的地 区、并负责收税。

1817年,萨克雷被送到英格兰上学。后来,他 考人了剑桥大学。在那儿他并没有完成学业,而是 和一些年轻的作家、诗人成了朋友,其中包括爱德 生· 菲茨杰拉尔德和坦尼森。他在欧洲旅行时, 在魏 玛遇到了诗人歌德。1831年,他开始学习法律,但 并没有成为一名律师, 而是开始为报纸写文章。有一 段时间,他还到巴黎学习了艺术。

> 他为杂志《笨拙》撰稿,其文章越来越多地直 指英国社会现状,特别是中上层阶级。他为《笨拙》 杂志写的文章中,在今天最为著名的可能是《英格 兰的势利小人》(1847), 自恃重要者的虚荣和虚伪, 这些人(就像《名利场》中乔治·奥斯本的父亲那样) 不愿意理睬那些他们认为比自己贫穷或者比自己地 位低下的人。这些文章被收录成册, 取名为《势利人

snob n. 势利小人 pretence n. 虚假

of a lower class than themselves. These pieces were gathered in a book, *The Book of Snobs*.

Thackeray attacks snobs and other people who have false pretences. His attacks are meant seriously, but they are not written like **solemn** judgements. He attacks with a laugh. He does not say that men like George Osborne are **nasty**. Instead we see George through Amelia's eyes as "the bravest and most beautiful man in the British army". And we learn that "it is possible that Lieutenant Osborne thought so too".

We learn about the people in *Vanity Fair* (1848), not so much by direct **description** as by Thackeray's smiling suggestions. For example, we build up our opinion of Becky Sharp, not from statements that she is a bad little creature, but from suggestions like this, when she is leaving Russell Square:

She took all the kind little Amelia's presents with just the right amount of unwillingness, and promised to love her friend for ever and ever . . . As soon as she had said a very fond goodbye to Amelia, and had counted the gold coins that the kind Mr Sedley had put into a bag for her, and as soon as she had stopped drying the tears from her eyes (when the carriage had turned the corner), she began to wonder what a baronet would be like.

It is in fact Becky Sharp who makes us still enjoy *Vanity*Fair—making her way through the world with her clever plans,
free from any control by **conscience**. When the story first

脸谱》。

solemn adj. 严肃的 nastv adj. 讨厌的

萨克雷抨击势利小人以及其他虚伪的人。他的 抨击是动了直格的, 但没有把它们写成严肃的判决 词、而是寓抨击干嬉笑间。他没说像乔治·奥斯本这 样的人很丑恶。相反通过阿米莉娅的眼睛,我们看到 了一个"英国军队里最英勇最漂亮的男人——乔治", 而且我们知道"奥斯本中尉本人可能也这么想"。

description n. 描写

我们了解《名利场》(1848)中的人物,并不是 通过直接描述, 更多的则是通过萨克雷含笑的暗示。 比如,我们对贝姬·夏普的印象,不是来自于她是个 邪恶的小东西之类的表达,而是来自她离开拉塞尔广

> 经过恰到好处的推辞, 她收起了善良的小 阿米莉娅给她的所有礼物,许诺说她会永远永 远爱她的朋友……刚和阿米莉娅深情道别完、 数过了好心肠的塞德利先生给她装到包里的金 币, 并且, 刚一抹完眼泪(当马车转过街角), 她就立刻开始想那个男爵会是什么样子了。

baronet n. 从里縣 conscience n. 良心, 道德 11/2

实际上, 正是贝姬·夏普让《名利场》仍然深 受人们的喜爱——她工于心计,一路闯荡世界,毫不 受良心的束缚。1847年,该故事首度开始每月连载 appeared in monthly parts from 1847, Becky Sharp caught the public imagination. But Thackeray also gave his readers something new in his way of using the language: he seems to be *talking* to the reader; the story is addressed to a *listener*.

Thackeray continued to write short stories and novels like *Pendennis*(1848), *Henry Esmond* (1852), *The Newcomes* (1853—5) and *The Virginians* (1857—9). He died suddenly in 1863 from heart trouble.

Vanity Fair

In John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* (1678), the main character, Christian, had to pass through the town of Vanity, which had a market, "Vanity Fair", all through the year. This name *Vanity* reminded Bunyan's readers, and reminds us, of a text in the Bible, "Vanity of vanities. . ." which is translated in the New English Bible as:

is empty. What does man gain from all his labour . . . here under the sun? (Ecclesiastes 1.2)

Vanity Fair in *Pilgrim's Progress* is a place where they sell everything that is entirely without value—empty, fine houses, important positions, honours, titles, pleasures and delights of all kinds.

So the name of Thackeray's book tells us that the setting of his story is a world in which everybody is struggling to get things

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