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自序

回忆我自己学习英语的过程，那是一个由无数件小事、无数次小努力相互衔接而最终到达目的地的过程。其中包括很多的阅读、晚上钻在被窝里狂听、大量看英语电影、逮住会说英语的人就练英语口语，并能解决英语学习过程中的一个个或大或小的问题。我第一次去美国就没有什么语言障碍，在与老外的交流中也没有文化、生活、风俗习惯方面的隔阂，我想这要归功于我看了大量的美国电影以及同西方人尽可能多的接触。

我大学毕业后到青岛当老师时，看了大量的英语电影。当我沉浸在电影的故事中的时候，我常常忘记自己是在学习英语，但回想起来那个时候我学到了最地道的英语。在无意识的过程中，我接受了大量地道、富有时代气息的美国语言，了解了美国人的生活方式、思维模式、价值观、风俗习惯等。

1989年在我去北京外国语大学读翻译专业研究生之前，我已经看了很多电影并且能看得明白。因此，我就和北外的同学在看英语电影时开玩笑说：“看不懂问我就行了。”结果没想到，我听懂的地方没有人问，他们问的地方恰巧是我也听不懂的。我意识到我还需要下更多工夫来看英文电影，我就找了三个美国人辅导我看电影，每一句话都解释到我完全听懂为止。此后，当有人再问我电影中的对白时，我就立刻从短语和俗语的角度，从文化、思维、生活、风俗习惯的角度解释得一清二楚。同学们觉得我果然水平不凡。但在这种“不凡”背后却是我真正做到了狂看英语电影。

因为这些经历，所以我常说，不为而为，功在其外和无心插柳柳成荫对英语学习亦是如此。一个人整天拿着一本听力书几盒听力磁带是打不开视野的。不打开视野就无法大量接触英语，也就无法真正学好英语。学习英语在跳出语言知识本身时，就会接触到一个海阔天空、精彩纷呈的真实世界。进入这个世界并能融入其中，就能学好英语。

我在教托福听力时，有一个题目就曾谈到这个观点：要了解一个国家，最好的方法就是看这个国家的电影。我自己的做法证明了这一点，并且我在多年教授英语的过程中倡导这一做法。在国内还有一种现象：那些把英语学得很地道的人，要么是有大量机会接触外国人，要么是看过大量的英语电影，即有大量接触真实英语的机会，这也证明了上述观点。

其实，我国的大学都为英语专业学生开设英语视听课。我在北外读书时，系里还给本科生设置英语电影视听课。但看电影学英语作为一种非常有效的学英语方法，并没有获得应有的重视和更广泛的应用。我在十多年前就想开设电影班，使“通过电影学英语”的方法获得普及，但一直到1996年，我才在北京新东方学校开设了第一个电影班。这在中国业余英语培训机构中是首例。课程推出后，效果非常显著，引领了大众通过电影学英语的时尚潮流。

我教过一个酷爱《阿甘正传》的学生，他一直看阿甘看到自己的语言、姿势、眼神、表情和阿甘一模一样。他在课堂上模仿阿甘，同学们分不清是阿甘模仿他，还是他模仿阿甘。可能阿甘的声音不是世界上最美妙的声音，但每个人都可以在电影中找到自己最喜欢的声音去模仿。

看电影学英语成为时尚当然不仅仅是因为在电影中每个人都能找到自己最喜欢的声音，它还拥有其他媒介不可取代的优势。在中国这样的非英语国家，学习英语最缺乏的就是真实的英语语言环境。电影可以做到将最贴近生活的真实世界加以浓缩反映，电影让你接触西方国家的聚会、恋爱、婚姻、商业、工作、休闲、校园、超市、银行、医院……英语电影是西方社会文化、思想、生活的百科全书。在所有这些环境和场合中，英语语言被灵活地使用，英语电影是英语口语的“万花筒”。

我当年沉浸在英语电影中的时光，是我学习英语最快乐的记忆之一。我没有像很多学英语的人那样觉得学英语非常

艰难并在内心充满恐惧感，我学习英语无论是读英文小说、听英文广播、还是看英文电影，都觉得是极有趣的事情。事实上，当一个人着迷地泡在英语电影世界中并再从这个世界中走出来时，他已经学会了英语口语，有很棒的听力，以及对西方文化、思想、生活的理解。

随着中国家庭VCD、DVD、电视视频点播等媒介方式的普及，对英语学习来说，英语电影可能正在日益具有更重要的意义。首先，电影会打破现有的英语学习框架，这种新颖实用、生动活泼、寓教于乐的方式，会大大补充中国人学英语的环境不足。第二，电影可能为中国人指出了一条不用到国外就能掌握地道英语口语的路。另外，对一些不经常用英语的人来说，一段时间不接触英语就会有很大陌生感，经常听、看英语电影是保持英语能力的好方法。（当然，也可以看英语书、英语杂志和报纸。）

现在，关于英语电影的书已经很多了，但目前还没有用简明易懂的英语语言来讲解的“通过电影学英语”的书籍。我选择这样一种方式来阐释英语电影，是希望读者尽早进入全英语环境，就像我在学英语时很早就使用英英字典一样。《杜子华英语成功学电影系列》选择的电影都是生活片，语言简练实用。我也力图用简洁地道的英语来为这些电影做注解，帮助读者进入“英语思维状态”。同时，因为我自己教过每一部电影无数次，特别了解中国学生的弱项，因此对单词、短语、俗语、文化等的注释也极有针对性。

我特别想指出的是，读者在看英语电影时，应力求应用科学合理的方法以达到最佳效果。我在《杜子华英语成功学》中提出的六大原则：简单原则、量的原则、重复原则、模仿原则、突击原则、兴趣原则，同样适用于看电影学英语的过程。

看电影学英语尤其要遵循兴趣原则。电影捕捉了生活中很具代表性的各种场景并进行了艺术加工，尽管这样，每个

人的爱好还是不同的，不可能对每部片子都感兴趣。根据自己的口味选择自己喜欢的电影，这样看得越多兴趣就会越浓，就会慢慢把英语学习引向深入。兴趣是学好英语的最好老师。

此外，模仿原则也非常重要。中国人说英语、写英语总带着中国人的语言结构、思维、文化、生活、价值取向，造成“中国味英语”的盛行。这个问题表现在很多方面，比如我在《杜子华英语成功学》中写到的问题，为什么中国人听中国人说英语能听懂，听外国人说就听不懂；看中国的英文报纸易懂，但看国外原版的英文报纸难懂？在看英语电影时模仿剧中人物的句法结构、发音、习语、表达思想的方式等等，模仿多了自然就能慢慢克服英语不地道的问题。

“通过电影学英语”是一种行之有效的方法，这已在我多年的英语教学实践中得到验证。学英语贵在把英语学“活”，而通过英语电影所学到的英语是“活的英语”。本系列读物旨在给广大读者，尤其是大专院校学生提供一套学习“活的英语”的“活的教材”。

这套书很快就要和读者见面了，在此，我要感谢使我能写出这套书的美国教师 Phebe Ham，加拿大朋友 Ira Cohen 夫妇，Stanley Starkman 夫妇和澳大利亚教师 Samantha Kierath 等。

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Voice: Welcome home, Mr. President.

President: It's good to be home(1). Thank you. I've got NSC(2) at 2:30.

Allen: That will only take(3) half an hour.

President: With Syria.

Bob: You've got that radio address(4) to go over(5), and that legal council speech at The Monroe tomorrow night.

President: The Monroe?

Brandy: Welcome home, Mr. President.

Allen: Yes, sir. The Monroe Hotel.

President: You've got someone to double for me there at front.

Allen: We're working on(6) it.

President: Good, good. Try to find someone that looks like me this time, will you? That last guy was a joke(7).

Announcer: Ladies and Gentlemen: Here he is: The President of the United States. Welcome to Durrerburger, Mr. President.

President: Thank you one and all, and let me just say from one Chief Executive(8) to another that there is no Chevrolet(9) like Durrerburger's Community Chevrolet.

Announcer: Thank you, Mr. President.

Child: Mom, that's not the President, is it?

Mother: I sure hope not.

Dave: I have the feeling that when people find out about the \$500 cash rebate(10) on all Geo Storms and Geo Storm convertibles(11) that you are going to be even busier than I am.

- (1)**Home:** can also refer to anything familiar and comfortable. ie: I feel right at home speaking English.
- (2)**NSC:** National Security Council. a group of intellectuals and security specialists who advise the President on the country's safety. 国家安全委员会
- (3)**Take:** need; use; 需要 ie: The egg takes 5 minutes to cook.
- (4)**Radio address:** a speech given over the radio. The US President often does this to make announcements. 收音机讲话
- (5)**Go over:** to review, read over. 复习, 检查
- (6)**Working on it:** currently being dealt with, finding a solution or an answer to, another way of answering a question without saying "NO."
- (7)**That last guy was a joke:** The last person did not look like the president. "was a joke": used to say something was not done well, can not be taken seriously. 上次那个替身根本不像我
- (8)**Chief Executive:** the leader or the head, can be used in association with large companies, another name for the US President. 公司执行官, 这里指总统
- (9)**Chevrolet:** a brand name of a US car manufacturer. 雪佛莱
- (10)**Rebate:** After buying a good, you receive cash back, a type of discount. 个人购物回扣
- (11)**Convertibles:** cars in which the roofs may be taken off or taken down. 折叠车



Announcer: You said it(1), Mr. President.

President: See I could veto(2) the Simpson Garner thing if I wanted to but I don't want to. Do you know why I don't want to?

Adviser: It's got homeless shelters(3) and Head Start Centers(4) and uh....

Allen: Hot lunches.

President: Hot lunches for little kiddies, and if I kill(5) it, I'm going to look like a prick(6). I don't want to look like a prick. I want you to look like pricks.

Howard: But, sir. We tried to kill it twice.

President: I don't think so, Howard. No, if you killed it, it would be dead(7). When I kill something, it always dies. Doesn't it, Bob?

Bob: Always did.

Norman: Mr. President, with all the work your wife has done with the homeless(8).

President: My wife, Norman, I don't want you to do this because you're forced to. I want you to do this because you want to. I want you to do it because it's the right thing to do. I want you to do it because you are acting in the best interests of your country(9).

Bob: Well, I think that's it.

(1)**You said it:** a way to state you agree. "You can say that again!"

说得对

(2)**Veto:** A political member stops a proposal of law from becoming law. 否决

(3)**Homeless shelter:** places where beds are prepared for the homeless to sleep on at night. 流浪者的住所

(4)**Head Start Center:** a place where people help the homeless to find jobs and places to live. "to start over again"

(5)**Kill:** Here it is another way to say veto or to stop a bill of law.

否决

(6)**Prick:** jerk; a nicer way of saying asshole. 王八蛋

(7)**Dead:** indicating that the bill of law should not appear again, a play on word "kill."

(8)**Mr. President...homeless...:**

总统的太太常做一些 charitable causes.



(9)**Acting in the best interest of your country:** a phrase showing a lot of patriotic love. 以国家的利益为重

Dave: How are you, Jerry? You having fun(1)?

Jerry: Yea.

Dave: Good. Good to see you. Very typical! Ask me how I did.

Brandy: How did it go?

Dave: I killed them(2).

Brandy: Yea.

Dave: It was great. Well, why don't you see what you can do in here?

Dave: OK. What's up(3)? Hey! How are you, Mable?

Brandy: Mable says it's too far on the bus. Jennifer's boss tried to hit on her(4) again and Lola has been in your office crying for almost an hour.

Dave: Lola, what happened?

Lola: Oh, Mr.Kovic, it's not my fault. I learned on the IBM(5).

Dave: Yeah.

Lola: Then they put me on the Wang(6). (starts speaking in some foreign language) Yeah, well, tonight's the big night(7). Yeah, its some big secret.

Secretary: He won't tell me. No, I can't get it out of him(8).

Dave: It's going to be fine. We're going to fix it. Honey, call Murray. Tell him we're on our way(9), okay. It's Wednesday. Everybody works on Wednesday, okay? Can I borrow your.....

Dave: Murray?

Murray: Dave, I can't hire anybody else. I can't.

Dave: Murray, she flies on an IBM(10).

Murray: I don't have enough work for the people you already gave me.

Dave: She's got three kids, her husband's a diabetic(11), Diabetic.

Lola: Diabetic.

- (1) **You having fun?:** “Are you enjoying yourself?” often used at parties or large gatherings. a way to start small talk. 玩的好吗?
- (2) **I killed them.:** Here it means he impressed them. It went well.
如果你的演讲很精彩, 你可以说 “I killed them.”
- (3) **What's up?:** a common colloquial greeting. “How is it going?”
“What is going on?” 怎么样?
- (4) **hit on her:** slang for “to flirt with.” showing you have romantic intentions. 调情
- (5) **IBM:** another type of personal computer. The other type often used is a “Mac” (苹果牌电脑)
- (6) **Wang:** a type of personal computer.
- (7) **The big night:** a way to express an important night. an important event will take place tonight. 很重要的夜晚
- (8) **Get it out of him:** get someone to say something. 让某人说出口: “Spill the beans.”
- (9) **On our way:** currently going to a destination. ie: We are on our way to the supermarket. Help is on the way.
- (10) **Flies on an IBM:** a way to say she works well on an IBM computer.
- (11) **Diabetic:** a disease concerning the body's dysfunction in absorbing glucose in the blood stream. 糖尿病

Dave: Just a short term thing. Strait temp(1) job. Please?

Murray? Murray?

Murray: I'll see what I can do.

Dave: Thanks. Feel OK about this.

Murray: Not yet.

Dave: You will. Do you want to go play some ball?

Murray: It's the middle of(2) the afternoon. I'm working.

Dave: Me too, well, thanks Murray. I'll see you tomorrow.

Bye, Lola, Kate, Audreanna, Pam.

Everybody: Bye, Dave.

Dwayne: Mr. Kovic, I'm Dwayne Stevenson with the United States Secret Service. We're with the federal government(3).

Dave: I swear(4), I thought that was a legitimate deduction, see, I do impersonations(5) so I use that television with my work(6).

Dwayne: Mr. Kovic, we're not here about your taxes. On occasion for security purposes the Secret Service(7) hires someone to double for the President at public functions(8) and exposed situations(9). Your government needs your help.

Dave: Really?

Hair Dresser: I like it. You look just like him.

Dave: You think?

Hair Dresser: And the coloring; the coloring is excellent.

Dave: You really cut his hair this short.

Hair Dresser: It's a perfect match(10).

Dave: It doesn't come over the ears.

Bob: You understand what you'll be doing(11).

Dave: You just want me to wave.

- (1)**Strait temp:** short-hand way of saying "This is only a temporary job." temporary job:

临时工作

- (2)**The middle of:** can also say: "In the middle of the night." "In the middle of the morning."

"In the middle of a meeting or a class."

- (3)**Federal government:**

联邦政府

- (4)**Swear:** promise, 发誓

- (5)**Impersonations:** act or pretend to be someone else. "Dave does good impersonation of the US President." 替身

- (6)**"thought...with my work.":** He thought he was in trouble because of tax evasion. You do not have to pay taxes for items used for your job.

- (7)**Secret Service:** the President's security guards.

- (8)**Public functions:** meetings or speeches where anyone may attend.

- (9)**Exposed situations:** places where the president cannot be fully protected against guns, explosives, etc.
ie: parades, public functions.

- (10)**perfect match:** 很般配

- (11)**"You understand...be doing.":** asking Dave, if he knows what is expected of him. 你知道你该怎么办。He knows what he's doing 表示他做这事还真在行

