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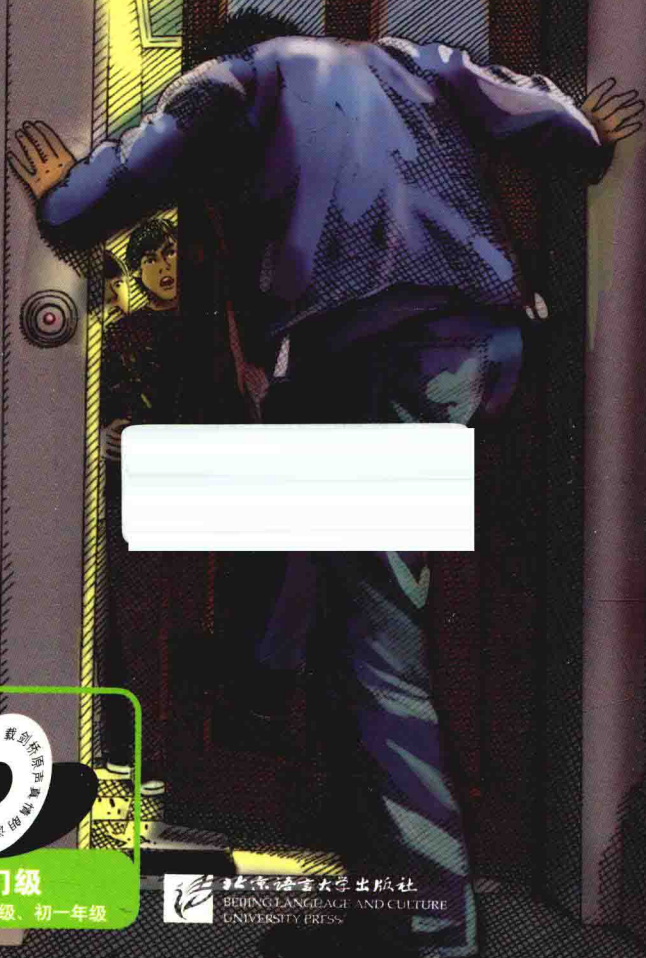


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“剑桥双语分级阅读·小说馆”是从剑桥大学出版社引进，由英语语言教学专家及小说作家合力专为非英语国家的英语学习者而创作的分级系列读物。创作过程历时二十余年，出版后受到世界各地英语教师和英语学习者的喜爱，许多读本重版十余次，二十年来畅销不衰，成为全球英语学习者首选的优秀读本。

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4. 它是英美知名小说家和英语语言教学专家合力创作的读物，小说家保障了读物的可读性与可欣赏性，英语语言教学专家保障了读物语言作为英语习得材料的科学性与可学性。本系列中的很多小说都在世界上颇具影响力的“语言学习文学奖 (Language Learner Literature Award)”评选中获得大奖。因此，阅读这个系列读物，我们会在欣赏小说的同时，自然而然地、有效地提高自己的英语水平。

5. 它的故事题材丰富多彩——包括侦探、情感、历险、悬疑、人文、科幻、喜剧等，读者可以随心选择自己喜欢的类别进行阅读；它的故事内容生动有趣，故事情节引人入胜、扣人心弦，一旦开始阅读，就想一口气读完，使阅读真正升华到“悦读”。

6. 它附赠的音频材料无与伦比——它不是普通英语母语者的朗读录音，而是专业配音员的演绎再创作。听着它，我们犹如在听广播剧、听评书，又仿佛是在听电影、听话剧……这种聆听英语的享受将彻底扫除学生对英语听力的畏难心理。(音频材料可在网上免费下载：www.blcup.com)

7. 它的读本中,既有英式英语,也有美式英语,对应的音频材料也相应分为英音和美音。读者可根据自己的喜好来选择。

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为了更好地帮助中国学生学习和欣赏,“剑桥双语分级阅读·小说馆”从剑桥原版引进后增加了如下内容:

1. 增加了适量的辅助学习工具,包括“读前思考”“读后活动”“学习指导”三个板块,其中“学习指导”板块又包括生词、短语和表达、文化点滴、阅读练习四项内容。增加这些内容的宗旨是全方位帮助学生提升英语阅读能力,扩充词汇量,扫除阅读中的文化障碍,提高对英语小说的鉴赏能力。

2. 增加了小说全文的参考译文。出于语言学习的考虑,译文尽量采用直译,保证两种语言句子的基本对应,避免文学式意译。

值得一提的是,所增加的辅助学习内容和参考译文,全部由来自全国不同省市著名中学教学一线的英语教师完成,包括人大附中、北大附中、清华附中、黄冈中学、上海中学等三十余所中学。这些一线教师的加盟,确保了所加内容与中国学生的英语学习特点和学习需求相吻合,为学生阅读和欣赏读物、提高英语水平给予恰到好处的助力。

3. 提供配套网络资源。本系列读物配有专题网页,读者可以在网页上了解读物的信息介绍、故事摘要、作者和编译者信息;可以通过“在线测试”定位自己适合阅读哪个级别,再结合自己对题材和英式或美式英语的偏好,来选择具体的读本;还可以进行故事预览和试听,下载录音和拓展习题,与其他读者分享、交流读书心得。教师还可以分享教学经验并下载教案等相关资源。

英语阅读是英语课堂的延伸和补充,也是培养英语语感、提高英语水平的有效途径。选择好的英语读物,收获的却不仅仅是语言的进步。欢迎年轻朋友们来到“剑桥双语分级阅读·小说馆”,打开一本本好书,品味一个个好故事,为实现梦想搭建桥梁。

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故事中的人物



David is seventeen. He lives in Hampstead, London, with his cat.

戴维十七岁。他和他的猫住在伦敦的汉普斯特德。



Ella is sixteen and she lives on the street.

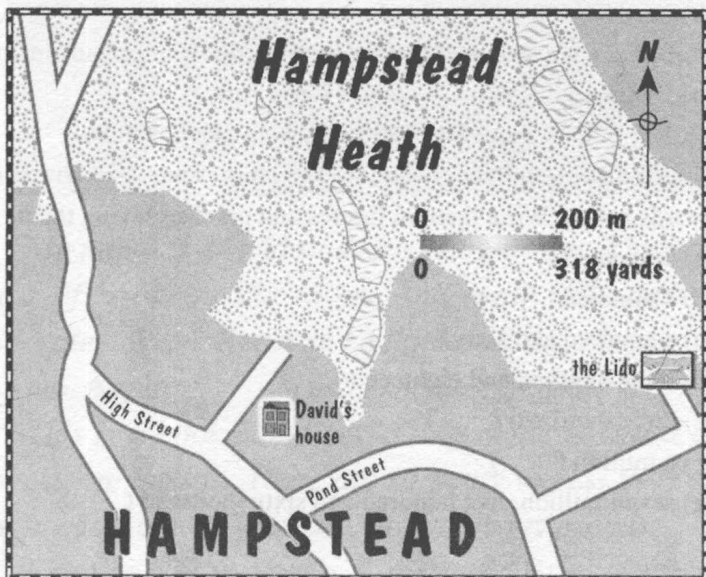
埃拉十六岁。她露宿街头。



Steve sells drugs.
史蒂夫贩卖毒品。



Socrates is David's cat.
苏格拉底是戴维的猫。



1. Look at page 5, the **Contents** page. How many chapters are there? Whom are 'my' and 'I' in Chapters 1, 3 and 4? Whom are Chapters 2 and 5 about? Do you think the story will have a happy ending?
2. Look at the **People in the story** on page 6. Work with a partner. Ask each other questions: How old is David? What does Steve do? What is the name of David's cat? Think of two more questions.
3. Look at the maps on page 7 and circle the correct answer in the sentences below.
 - a) Hampstead is in **North** / **South** London.
 - b) Leeds is **200** / **600** miles from London.
 - c) David's house is **near** / **a long way from** Hampstead Heath.
 - d) Hampstead Heath is a **small** / **large** park.
 - e) The Lido is about **800** / **80** yards from David's house.
4. The following numbers come in the story. They are written in words below. Write them in figures and practise saying them.
 - a) seventeen ()
 - b) a hundred ()
 - c) a hundred and sixty ()
 - d) three hundred and eighteen ()
 - e) three thousand ()
 - f) a million ()
 - g) seven million, five hundred and sixty thousand ()

Chapter 1 Books are my life



My name is David and this is my room. There are lots of books in the room. And a cat. His name is Socrates. Why? Because he thinks all day.

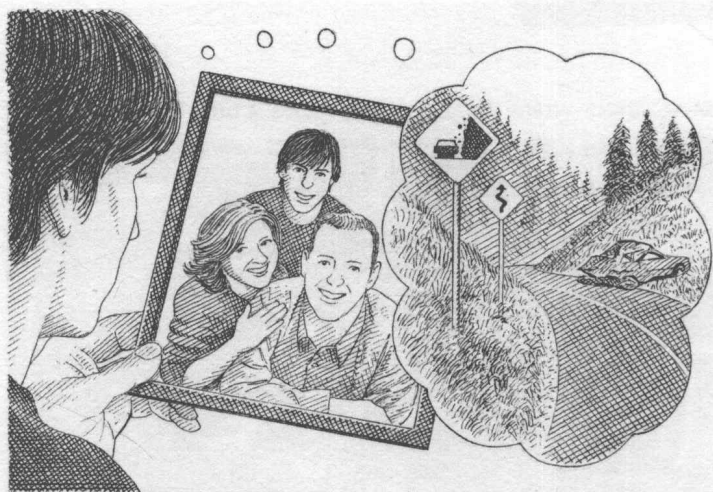
No. Again.

This is a book about books. My name is David and books are my life. There are so many worlds in books. In books, I can be anybody. Books are my friends.

Friends? No. That's not good. Books are my world? Again.

This is my house.

Well, no, it isn't. It's my mother and father's house, but they're dead.



So, it's my house, but nobody knows that. Everybody here thinks that my parents are in Canada. My aunt knows that they're dead, but she's not here. She lives in Canada.

My aunt thinks I'm at a friend's house. She thinks there's no-one in this house. She gives me money. It's not a lot, but I can buy food for Socrates and pizza for me. My aunt is going to come here in September. Now it's June.

But all this isn't important. In a book you need a story.

David Sims is seventeen. His mother and father are dead. He lives in Hampstead with his cat, Socrates, and three thousand books.

Is it three thousand? I don't know. Four thousand? This is stupid. I'm going to start again.

My name is David and I'm writing a book about my life.

No. This is wrong. I don't have a life. My life is: I read books and I talk to my cat. And I eat pizza every day and...and...my life is books. No, that's really stupid. I want to write a book. But I need a story and I don't have a story. I'm going to start again. No, I'm going to get a pizza and then I'm going to find a story.

'Is that OK?' I ask Socrates.

Socrates says, 'I want fish.'

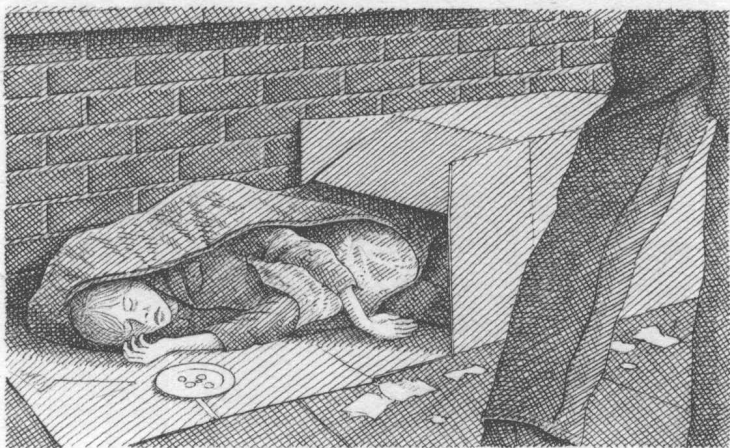
No, he doesn't. He's a cat; he can't talk. But he says, 'Miaow' and 'Miaow' is 'I want food.' 'Miaow' is also 'I want your bed.'

'OK,' I say to Socrates. 'I'm going to get some cat food. Then I'm going to get my pizza.'

I like pizza. I eat it every day.

I buy the cat food and then I go to a bookshop. They have lots of old books and sometimes I buy one. Then I go to a café in the High Street.

Today I see a girl outside the café. I think she's sleeping. I walk into the café. I'm hungry and I want a pizza.



Chapter 2 Ella

When I come out with my pizza, I see the girl again. She isn't sleeping now. She looks cold and hungry. I stop.

'Hello,' I say.

'Have you got a pound?' the girl asks.

'Yes,' I say. 'Are you hungry? I've got a pizza. Do you like pizza?'

'I don't eat anchovies,' says the girl.

'Anchovies?' I say.

'Small fish, lots of salt,' she says.

'I know what anchovies are. There aren't any anchovies on this pizza.' I laugh. 'Socrates likes anchovies, but I don't.'



‘Socrates?’ she asks. I think she’s about sixteen, and she’s pretty, but very thin.

‘Socrates is my cat,’ I say. ‘And I’m David,’ I tell her.

‘My name’s Ella,’ says the girl. ‘Now, where’s this pizza?’



The pizza is good. We eat and don't talk. Then Ella smiles.

'Are you a student?' she asks.

'No,' I say. 'But I'm going to be a student. In October.'

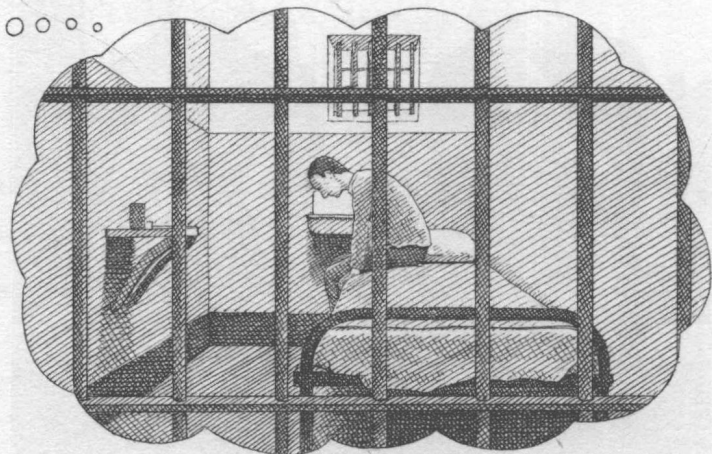
'But you're not at school,' she says.

'No,' I say. 'I don't go to school now. I'm seventeen.'

'Do you live with your mother and father?' she asks.

'You ask a lot of questions,' I say. 'No, I don't. My mother and father are dead.'

'My father's in prison,' says Ella.



'Oh,' I say. 'Why?'

'I don't talk about it,' Ella answers.

'I'm sorry,' I say. I look at Ella. It's a hot day, but she looks cold.

'Are you OK?' I ask. 'Are you cold?'

'I'm always cold,' Ella answers. 'I'm cold because I'm tired.'