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How strange life is, how fickle!
How little is needed to ruin or to save you!
人生是多么奇怪,多么变幻无常啊!
不管是毁灭还是拯救你,
都只需要那么一点点小事而已!



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#### 出版说明 Publisher's Note

英语是当今世界上主要的国际通用语言之一,也是世界上最广泛使用的语言。世界上有二十多个国家把英语作为官方语言或第二语言使用。据不完全统计,在全球差不多每十个人中就有一个人在讲英语。目前全世界的经济贸易、商业文书、政府交往、学术论文、旅游交通、银行文件语言等等都需要用到英文;互联网上的原版资料90%为英文;70%以上的邮件是用英文书写或用英文写地址的;全世界科技出版物70%以上用英语发表;全世界的广播节目中60%是用英语进行播放交流的;绝大部分的国际会议是以英语为第一通用语言(90%以上的国际会议用英语召开),它也是联合国的正式工作语言之一。

原本的非英语国家也早已将英语口语及课程普及化。大多数国家的高等学府、大学院校都开设英语语言文学专业,青少年也从小学习英语课程。仅在中国,就有一百多所大学设有英语专业或英语相关专业。随着我国对外开放的不断扩大化,科学技术不断进步,国际地位不断提高,迫切需要造就一大批精通外语的专门人才。而学好英语这门语言,对于我们来说,大有裨益:

第一,从小培养良好的英语读说听写基础,较早阅读原版图书和国外文献资料,增加课外知识,开阔眼界。

第二,英语是中考、高考的必选重点科目,即使不选择英语类专业,如果英语口语、写作或者翻译有一技之长,也会被社会广泛需要。

第三,具有英语语言优势可以增加被重点学校录取的几率,同时,不管 将来从事哪个行业,英语交流都是必不可少的交际工具。 总之,加强英语学习已然刻不容缓,从今后的发展趋势来看,它就像我们的一日三餐一样不可或缺。

令人欣喜的是,我们的英语素质教育越来越受到重视,教师、家长和学生都逐渐意识到英语学习的重要性和必要性。其中对于基础英语教育而言,进行大量的原版英文阅读对提高英文学习水平是很有效的。国家教育部颁布的《英语课程标准》也对学生课外英语阅读提出了更高的标准和要求。

为全面提升英语爱好者的英语阅读能力,让亲爱的读者既读到原汁原味的英文原著,同时又能循序渐进,轻松愉快地学习世界文学文化,我们隆重推出了"读名著学英语"阅读书系。

"读名著 学英语"阅读系列采用中英双语对照编排的形式,一方面选取世界各国知名作家最具代表性的作品,一方面选取经过时间积淀和验证而流传下来的优秀美文,以奉献给亲爱的读者。编者通过精美而生动的译文、准确而实用的注释、精心设置的课后习题,扫除读者的阅读障碍,不仅可以让读者在反复咀嚼中齿颊留香,同时还可以拓展读者的知识面,达到开阔视野、提升文学素养的目的。

衷心希望亲爱的读者在阅读"读名著 学英语"系列图书的过程中有所收获,让大家不再感到英语学习沉闷枯燥,而是有章有法,在潜移默化中得以领悟,轻松提高学习兴趣;同时帮助更多的读者爱上英文,阅读英文,享受英语文化的极美盛筵。

#### 前言 Preface

当我们越来越意识到学习英语的重要性,那么,接下来最重要的问题便是:如何才能学好英语?

这可能是困扰所有英语学习爱好者的问题。对于这个问题,我们要给出 的答案是三个字——读、写、听。

所谓"会者不难,难者不会",英语学习说起来容易,学起来难。它需要 天赋、方法、努力三者完美结合。亲爱的读者,首先需要修正并了解一个概 念,学习英语不仅仅是单纯地学习一种语言,而是去接受一种文化。它绝对 不是背背单词,熟知一些语法,简单模仿模仿就行了,这只是基础。

我们在学习英语的时候,应该将课堂上学到的语法知识当作工具,通过阅读大量优秀的英文原著,反复品味其中的重点段落,了解西方世界的生活习惯和风土人情,了解作者的写作背景和风格,从而开阔视界,增加词汇量,从感性上进一步掌握英语语法的应用。另外,口语能力一向是国内学生学习英文的弱项之一,要想提高英语阅读水平,那就开口大声朗读出来。这是最好最简单也最有效的方式。

相比较阅读而言,英语写作更是一大难题。每年大学英语四、六级考试中,作文部分的平均得分率历来是最低的,比听力部分的得分率还要低。而英语四、六级考试中心对写作能力要求却很严苛:作文分数如果低于6分,每少一分,从总成绩中倒扣一分。如果作文为0分,即使答卷总分超过60分,也作不及格论处。因此,英文写作能力极其重要,我们平时在英文写作中一定要做到清晰、准确、简洁,这就是公认的英文写作"黄金三定律"。

听力也是英语学习中的重要一课。其实,阅读速度与听力水平紧密相关, 朗读可以培养英语语感,经常把自己置身于外语环境中,长期以往,习惯成 自然,直到达成如同使用母语般的身体本能。

可见,读、写、听是相辅相成,缺一不可的。进行大量课外阅读和听力练习,不仅可以快速提高英语水平,还可以陶冶情操,令心灵得以净化,提高综合文化素质。其更本质更核心的意义,在于培养学习者对英文的浓厚兴趣——这才是一切学习者成功的源动力。

为帮助亲爱的读者更快更好地提升英语阅读能力,我们隆重推出了"读名著 学英语"阅读书系。可以说,这是为英语爱好者量身打造的"完美双语读本"。在选材上,我们不仅精选了世界各国最知名最优秀的作家的代表作,还挑选了经过时间积淀和验证而流传下来的优秀作品,同时也选取了当下最新颖最出色的流行篇章,让亲爱的读者温故而知新,一边打下坚实基础,一边汲取新鲜知识。

我们为每篇英文原著配备了精美而生动的参考译文,准确而实用的注释, 扫除读者的阅读障碍,不仅可以让读者在反复咀嚼中齿颊留香,同时还可以 拓展读者的知识面,达到开阔视野、提升文学素养的目的。

最值得一提的是,同时这也是我们对本系列图书的最大期许,那就是加强了英语学习功能,通过多样题型训练阅读速度及理解能力。"关键词汇""重点句型""流行短语""记忆填空"等栏目将是阅读本系列图书的重点所在。同时,编者根据不同的文章类型,设置不同的学习栏目,以达到最佳学习效果。

"关键词汇"——将原著中的重点、关键、实用及流行的单词提炼出来, 给予注释,以增强读者对英语单词的运用能力,最大程度上解决初学者的阅 读障碍。

"重点句型"——将原著中的重点句型提炼出来,给予中文翻译。对本句型进行详细解析,对句子中的短语、词组的用法加以释解,并给出例句;还将对句型中的俗语加以注释,不为阅读留下一点障碍。

"流行短语"——将原著中的重点短语提炼出来,给予中文解释及例句, 让读者更加清楚本短语的运用语境,进而提升短语运用能力。

"记忆填空"——是对美文的精彩回顾,填写重点单词或短语,有助于读者对英语句型的记忆,并提高英语书写能力。

这就真正形成了一个英语学习体系——单词、句型、短语、词组、口语 表达、实践运用,一网打尽,全面提升。

另外,编译本书的过程中,我们也没有放过微小细节,从精美、亮丽的 封面装帧到简约、大方的版式设计,不仅适合收作枕边书,最重要的是清晰 明了地区别了阅读与学习功能,让读者轻松地享受阅读,提高英语水平。

### **User Guide** •

#### \*关键词汇

本文需要重点记忆的 单词,会在文章当中标示 出来。这些单词在日常生 活和学习训练当中经常出 现,要灵活记忆,灵活运 用。 nature n. (常大 写) 自然; 自然 界

feverish a 发热 的, 发烧的

collection n. 收集。 采集: 收取

somehow ad 由于 某种未知的原 因: 不知怎样

#### 美丽人生

女也 有着一种与外表无关的灵气和美丽。她的话语轻 而易举地征服了人心,她正是我们要聆听的声音。

很多人都说人生的真谛是个未知的概念。言词的费力诠释、艺术的着力表现还有人类那似乎永无休止的纷繁思考、三者都苦苦追寻人生的真谛。希望走近以至完全把握存在的真谛可以令人十分狂热。有时候,有些人以自己笃信的真理为志趣,追寻真理甚于保全生命、于是就有含生取义之举。然而,也有另外的一种人生,他们在寻求真谛的过程中灌溉生命。

过去,我常常在教堂的心意篮里面发现一些优美的小短文,有些是关于我的布道,有些是作者日常读《圣经》的感想。写这些短文的人不仅对我的一些观点加以反思,同时还会引用一些他(她)曾经读过的,令他(她)难忘又喜爱的诗人或者神秘主义者的话。我被这些短文迷住了。我看到了一个执着于追寻真与美的人。其珍而重之的字句,优美动人。我还感觉到好像那些字句也乐于让我们发现,它们是那么毫无保留地、慷慨地为这无名氏作者借用,而现在轮到这位无名氏来学习与人分享这些美文的奥秘。分享令美愈加闪耀生辉,在这个意义上说,其实世上唯一的真理是分毫不费的。

#### Beauty

There were a sensitivity and a beauty to her that have nothing to do with looks.

She was one to be listened to, whose words were so easy to take to heart.

It is said that the true **nature** of being is veiled. The labor of words, the expression of art, the seemingly ceaseless buzz that is human thought all have in common the need to get at what really is so. The hope to draw close to and possess the truth of being can be a **feverish** one. In some cases it can even be fatal, if pleasure is one's truth and its attainment more important than life itself. In other lives, though, the search for what is truthful gives life.

I used to find notes left in the **collection** basket, beautiful notes about my homilies and about the writer's thoughts on the daily scriptural readings. The person who penned the notes would add reflections to my thoughts and would always include some quotes from poets and mystics he or she had read and remembered and loved. The notes fascinated me. Here was someone immersed in a search for truth and beauty. Words had been treasured, words that were beautiful. And I felt as if the words **somehow** delighted in being discovered, for they were obviously very generous to as yet anonymous writer of the notes. And now this person was in turn learning the secret of sharing them. Beauty so shines when given away. The only truth that exists is, in that sense, free.

#### ★精彩译文

这部分译文的文笔简洁、优美,尽最大可能保持经典原著的语言特色,在阅读英文时起辅助作用,有助于更好地理解英文原作,提高翻译水平。

#### \* 英文原文

这是本书阅读的主体 部分,保持原汁原味的英 文原版。在欣赏美文的同 时,最好坚持经常诵读, 以提高英文口语水平。

## • 如何阅读本书

#### \*重点句型

选取文中一到两个重 点句型,分析其中的短 语、词组或语法运用,以 提高英文的整体运用能 力。

#### \*短语学习

思考英文短语在所 列出的语句中的使用方 法,并尝试造句,以进 一步提高短语的运用能 力。

#### 🔷 重点句型

1. Little did she know that her husband and her puppy love were best of friends.

译文:她对他丈夫知道的不多,她的初恋成了他最好的朋友

解析:此句中,Little did she..., little,含有否定意义的副词放在句首时,句子要部分倒装;she know that...,that从句是know的宾语从句,意为"她对她丈夫和她的初恋成为了好朋友的事知道的不多"。

Remembering that I'll be dead soon is the most important tool I've ever encountered to help me make the big choices in life.

译文: 提醒自己我即将死去,是帮我做出人生中许多重大抉择的最重要的工具。解析: 此句中, remembering that I'll be dead soon, that 从句是 remember 的宾语从句, remembering that I'll be dead soon is the most important tool, remembering 作主语,谓语动词用单数,所以句中用的是 is, tool (that) I've ever encountered..., I've ever encountered 是 tool 的定语从句。

#### ♣ 流行短语 ►

1. be satisfied with 对 ...... 感到满意

例句: I am satisfied with your answer.

译文: 我对你的回答很满意。

2. pay off 偿清, 偿还

例句: He paid off the whole debts in two years.

译文:他在两年内还清了所有的债务。

#### \*记忆填空

这是对美文的精彩 回顾,填写重点单词或 短语,有助于读者对英 语句型的记忆,并提高 英语书写能力。

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The past is the bank in which we	store our most	valuable	: the memorie	s that give
meaning and depth to our lives. Those	who truly	the past will i	not bemoan the	passing of
the good old days, because days	in memory are	never lost. Dea	th itself is	_to still a
remembered voice or erase a remember	red smile. And	for one boy who	is now a man	, there is a
pond which neither time nor tide can	, where he	can still spend a	quite hour in the	ne sun.

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Wasted? Oh, no! When you were at the office, I often sat by the window and wondered what sort of person I should be if nd not lost the necklace. Now I know answer. 浪费了? 噢,不! 你去上班的时候,我 I had not lost the necklace. Now I know

my answer.
浪费了?噢,不!你去上班的时候,我常坐在窗边想,如果没有弄丢那条项链,我会是什么样子?现在,我知道答案了。

 $\mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{who}}$ , in spite of their romantic dreams, are married to a **mediocrity**. Her husband was a clerk in the Ministry of Education.

One evening her husband came home with an air of **triumph**.

"I have something nice for you," he said, giving her a large envelope.

She tore open the envelope, which contained the following printed card:

"The Minister of Education and Madame Georges Ramponneau have the honour to request the company of Monsieur and Madame Loisel at the office of the Ministry on Monday evening, January 18th."

She did not seem delighted. On the contrary, she flung the invitation card on the table, and said spitefully: "What's that to me?"

"Whg, my dear, I thought you'd be pleased. You like a dance, don't you? You hardly ever go out, and this is really a good chance for you. I had no end of trouble to get it. Every one wants it, you know. All the officials will be there, but only a few clerks are invited."

She looked at him ruefully and exclaimed:

"What do you expect me to wear at a party like that?"

It never occurred to him that she had no pretty dresses nor jewels. He replied hesitatingly: "Why, the dress you wear when you go to the theatre looks very nice to mediocrity n. 平庸, 平凡; 庸人

triumph n. 胜利, 心满意足 上有这样一些姑娘:她们漂亮迷人,浪漫而多情,只可惜出身贫穷;她们满脑子是浪漫的幻想,却只能嫁给平庸的小人物为妻。马蒂尔德·鲁瓦泽尔就是这样的一位姑娘。她嫁了一个在教育部工作的小职员。

一天晚上,她丈夫得意洋洋地回到家。

"我有个好东西给你。"他说着递给她一个大信封。

她急忙拆开信封,里面是一张请柬,上面印着:

"教育部长乔洁思·朗伯诺及夫人敬请鲁瓦泽尔先生携夫人光临一月十八日星期一晚于本部大楼举办的晚会。"

她看来一点儿也不开心。恰恰相反,她把请柬往桌子上 一扔,没好气地说:"这和我有什么关系?"

"噢,亲爱的,我还以为你会高兴呢。你不是喜欢参加舞会吗?你平常很少出门,这对你来说是个多好的机会呀。我费了好大的劲儿才弄到的。要知道,大家都想要。所有的上司都会到场,而得到邀请的职员真是寥寥无几。"

她懊恼地看着他, 嚷道:

"你想让我穿什么去参加这样的晚会呢?"

她既没有漂亮的衣服,也没有像样的珠宝首饰。这,他 倒从未想过。他有些迟疑地答道:"嗯,你去剧院时穿的那

clerk (clerks是名 词复数) *n*. 办事 员,职员;书记; 记帐员 me."

She burst into tears. Why did she marry such a dull, stupid fellow? Only because she was born into a poor family. Oh, cruel trick of destiny!

"What's the matter?" he asked anxiously.

"Nothing," she answered with an effort. "It's only that I haven't a suitable dress, and so I can't go to the ball. Give this card to a friend of yours whose wife has a better wardrobe than I."

It was a heart-breaking confession.

"Come, Mathilde, my dearest," the distressed husband said, "how much do you think it would cost to have a proper dress, something rather simple which would be useful for other **occasions** after-wards?"

She thought for a moment, busy with her calculations. How much could she ask without shocking the thrifty husband and provoking a **flat** refusal?

"I'm not sure, but I think I could manage with four hundred francs."

The husband turned a little pale. She had named the exact sum he had saved to buy a gun to enjoy shooting on the plain of Nanterre next summer with a few friends.

But he replied:

"All right. You shall have four hundred francs. Mind you get a really nice dress."

The day of the ball drew near. Although Madame Loisel had got her coveted dress, she seemed far from pleased.

"What is the matter?" her husband asked. "You look out of sorts these days."

"It's quite **annoying** to think that I haven't a single piece of jewellery to wear. I might as well stay at home as cut a miserable figure at the party," she answered.

"How about wearing natural flowers, then?" her husband suggested. "They are now quite in fashion. For ten francs you can get two or three splendid roses."

件衣服我看就不错。"

她再也忍不住了,泪水夺眶而出。她怎么会嫁给一个这 么木讷、这么愚蠢的家伙呢?就因为她生在穷人家吗?噢, 命运的捉弄是多么残酷啊!

"怎么了?"他关切地问道。

"没什么,"她努力克制着激动的情绪说, "只是我没有合适的衣服,所以我不能去参加舞会了。你的朋友里谁的太太有像样的行头,就把这张请柬送给谁吧。"

这是多么让人心碎的现实啊!

"好啦,马蒂尔德,亲爱的,"这位苦恼的丈夫说道, "做一件像样的衣服得花多少钱?一件朴素点儿的,以后在 其他场合也能穿。"

她想了一会儿,飞快地在心里盘算着。该要多少钱才既 不吓着她这位节俭的丈夫,也不至于令他断然拒绝呢?

"我也说不太准,但我想有四百法郎应该够了。"

丈夫的脸有些苍白。她说的数正好是他刚刚攒够想买猎枪 用的。他本打算明年夏天和朋友一起到楠泰尔平原去打猎。

但他还是说:

"好吧。给你四百法郎。一定要做件漂漂亮亮的好衣服。"

舞会的日子临近了。虽然鲁瓦泽尔夫人已经拿到了她梦 寐以求的衣服,但她看上去还是闷闷不乐。

"怎么了?" 丈夫问她, "你最近看起来心情不好。"

"想起来就让人心烦,我连一件首饰都没有。我还是呆在家里好了,免得在舞会上露出一副穷酸相。"

"戴几只花怎么样,嗯?"她的丈夫建议道, "现在挺流 行戴花的。花十法郎能买两三朵漂亮的玫瑰呢。"

occasion n. 场合, 时刻,重大活动, 盛典 (occasions是 名词复数)

flat a. (拒绝等)

断然的

annoying *a*. 讨厌的; 恼人的

"Where did you get such a silly idea?" she replied. "Can't you see how miserable I'd look among rich women?"

"Well then," her husband said. "Why don't you go and ask your friend, Madame Forestier, to lend some jewels? She is a good friend of yours, and has a lot of jewellery, hasn't she?"

"Yes, of course," she exclaimed in delight. "Why didn't I think of it?"

The next day she called on Madame Forestier and explained her trouble. Madame Forestier went to her wardrobe, took out a large jewel case, and placed it open in front of her friend.

"Take what you want, my dear," she said.

Madame Loisel first saw some bracelets, then a pearl necklace, then a Venetian gold cross set with jewels, an **exquisite** piece of magnificent workmanship. She tried them on, one after another, before the mirror, uncertain which to choose.

"Have you any more?" she asked.

"Oh, yes, look for yourself. I don't know what you would like best."

Suddenly Madame Loisel discovered a black satin case, in which lay a superb diamond neck-lace. Her heart beat fast. With trembling hands, she took it out, fastened it round her neck, and stood gazing at herself in the mirror, lost in admiration.

She asked fearfully:

"Would you lend me this? I don't think I need anything else."

"Why, yes, certainly."

Madame Loisel threw her arms round her friend's neck, kissed her, and hurried out, lest her friend should change her mind.

The night of the ball came at last. Madame Loisel was a brilliant success. She looked more beautiful than any other woman present. Triumphantly, full of grace and