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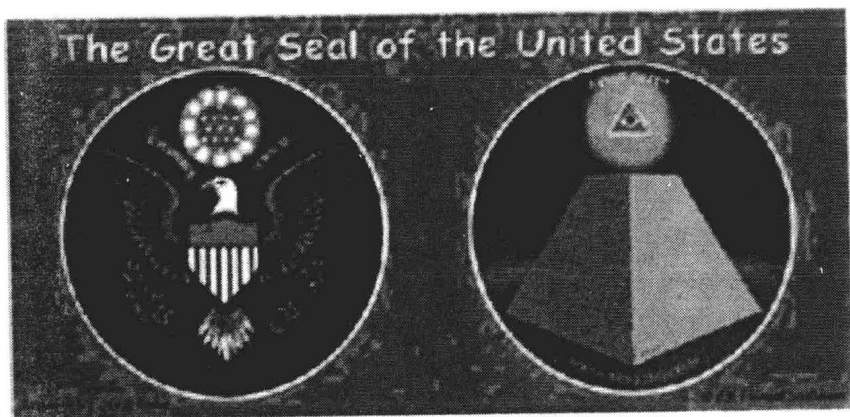
内 容 提 要

本书讲述英美两国文化、政治、经济、历史等方面的概况。其特点如下：(1) 体裁新颖。在内容的编写上打破以往同类书籍以国家为单位分别介绍的框架，以不同的主题为单位，对英美两国的相关情况进行归类比照。(2) 可读性强。内容丰富翔实，语言简洁易懂。(3) 重点信息突出。文中重点信息均用黑体字标出，便于读者阅读和复习。(4) 文化比重加大。与其他同类书籍相比，它涵盖了更为丰富和详尽的文化习俗背景知识。(5) 时效性强。书中有关内容的最新信息截至 2003 年 11 月。本书主要面向大学生、英语教师及广大英语爱好者。



**Elizabeth II
Queen of Great Britain
& Northern Ireland**

Picture 1: The Royal Coat of Arms of
the United Kingdom



Picture 2: The Great Seal of the United States



Picture 3: London Tower Bridge



Picture 4: The U.S. Capitol,
Washington, D.C.



Picture 5: The Statue of Liberty,
New York

Preface

This book is an attempt to present a picture of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America by conveying necessary information about them and to provide Chinese readers, who show a general interest in the two countries, with material written in intermediate English.

It differs from other books covering the similar theme in its unique arrangement.

First, all the materials are carefully selected and arranged in topics. The United Kingdom and the United States are similar in many respects, with a shared language and similar but not always same political, social, and economic values. Each has a sense of relation with the other. However, there are significant distinctions making a comparison useful to know the two countries better. There is more material in the book than could be easily covered in a single semester. Accordingly, it has been organized in such a way as to facilitate breaking it up for teaching.

Second, keywords are highlighted in bold, making the important information more noticeable.

Third, questions for discussion are offered at the end of most sections. This will allow the instructor to assign exercises that are appropriate for the material covered.

The book is a cooperation of three experienced teachers in Zhejiang Gongshang University. Chapter Two & Three, Supplementary Material Two & Three, Appendix Two and part of Appendix Three are compiled by Sun Lihong, Chapter Seven and Chapter Eight by Shang Zhen and the rest by Jiang Dan.

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The book aims to be informative and interesting. Inquires, comments and suggestions regarding the book are appreciated. Please direct them to Faculty of Foreign Languages, Hangzhou University of Commerce.

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