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Preface

学好任何一门外语,都需要进行大量的阅读。由此就要面临选择什么样阅读材料才能做到有的放矢、恰到好处、悦读悦听、事半功倍的问题。世界文学名著,从内容到语言都具有恒久的魅力,展现了绚丽多彩的世界,具有极高的学习与欣赏价值。书中生动具体的形象、曲折有趣的情节,促使读者从中观察人、人与人的关系和错综复杂的社会,体察人生,不知不觉地得到心灵的钥匙。而名著中语言的美,不仅会给你带来语言学习的提升,更是滋润心田的清泉。

本套丛书为大连理工大学出版社英语综合部于 2007 年 10 月引进世界最著名的图书出版公司之一——美国圣智学习出版集团(原汤姆森出版集团)的系列图书,是目前国内英语图书市场上惟——套最新的插图版世界名著全英简易读物。该套丛书精选 25 本世界经典名著,每本都内容精彩、引人入胜,且多为美国中学、高校课堂或课外指定读物。加之文图穿插的方式,可以使读者更快融入故事情节之中。

针对这套丛书我们请教了多位英语教育界专家,与高校、中学英语老师和同学进行座谈,并在中学生,大学生中进行随机问卷调查,还通

过北京开卷图书信息公司对此系列丛书进行了科学严谨的评估论证,做出了丰富有效的评估论证报告。针对此报告得出的结论,组织了优秀的高校、中学英语教师对每本图书进行了适当改编,使之更贴近中国学生的阅读心理和口味,因此可以非常自豪地说:我们为您奉献了一套您一定满意的好书!

以下几点理由会帮助你对我们的书作出选择:

"悦"读——读图 + 读文——快乐阅读

读图当然是一种轻松的阅读,而图文并茂的英语名著也一定带给你快乐阅读的享受。全版面的精致插图大大增加了故事的趣味性,既可帮助你更快,更好地理解文章的内容,又可带领你轻松地融入故事情节的发展。

"悦"听——听音+读文——有声阅读

此套丛书可一书多用,以悦听、悦读方式双管齐下,达到事半功倍之效。每本小说均附有由美国专业播音员朗读的MP3 光盘,总长度约 120 分钟,而 MP3 的设计也方便读者搜寻及反复练习。另外,MP3 内容具有丰富的声音表情变化及活泼生动的音效,让你身临其境,陶醉于故事情节中,完全享受阅读的乐趣,英文阅读水平和理解能力自然可随之提升。

悦听,就是愉快地听,将书本合上,放松身心,给自己一点时间进入状态。记得不需要听懂每一个字的意思,只要了解大意即可。悦听最大的好处是训练听力,依照所听到的内

容了解故事情节,而不去依赖文字。

助读——导读 + 注释——顺畅阅读

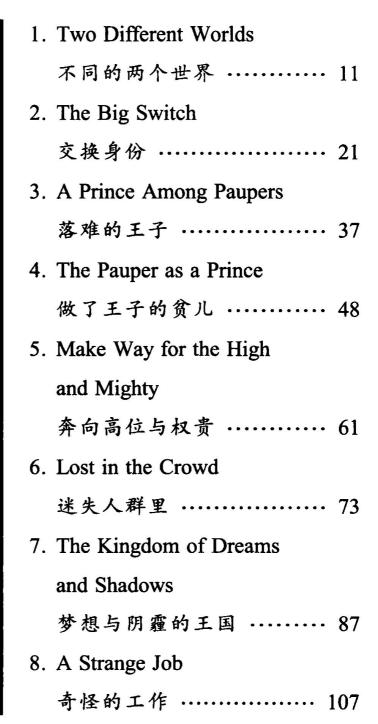
在认真调查本套丛书所针对的读者阅读水平基础上,精心提炼出文章中的生词、难词及核心词,加以注释,并注上音标及在文中的词性,对那些生僻词随文加注了中文释义,为读者扫清阅读中的障碍。同时为了读者更快地融入故事情节,按出场顺序,对书中的主要人物进行简单介绍,包括人物名称、简单说明、与其他人物之间的关系等。书后还附有迷你词典(Mini Dictionary),将文章中加以注释的词语按字母顺序排列,便于读者记忆。

本套丛书除具备以上特色外,语言程度由易到难,故事情节有简有繁,因此适合多层次英语学习者阅读与欣赏,即不同英语水平的读者都可找到适合自己的那一本。当然您要有点耐心呦!您也可以多选择几本,由浅入深地一本一本读下去,您的成就感就会大增,英语阅读能力也会在不知不觉中得到提升。另外,根据内容我们将这套丛书分成5个系列:"一抹红·风过有情"、"一抹绿·奇妙旅程"、"一抹紫·神秘玄幻"、"一抹蓝·不朽信念"、"一抹橙·斑斓年华"。读者可以依据自己的兴趣与爱好自由选择。

现在,让我们开始"世界名著全英简易读物"听读的快乐体验吧!

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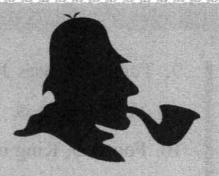


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About the Author

Mark Twain was born Samuel Clemens, November 30, 1835, in Florida, Missouri. When he was four, his father, an unsuccessful storekeeper, decided to move his family to Hannibal, Missouri.

This move had a strong effect on Samuel's life. Hannibal was a river-edge town through which many travelers passed: circus troupes, minstrel shows, religious leaders, and daring settlers on their way to California—all of whom Samuel would later use as characters in his books.

But of all the people young Samuel met, he admired the steamboat captains most of all, and dearly wished he could pilot a Mississippi riverboat. Upon his father's death, when Samuel was 12, he left school to train as a printer. This led to

newspaper writing out West and finally the realizing of his dream—for four proud years, he navigated a steamboat up the winding Mississippi River. From this experience, he chose his pen name, "Mark Twain," which in navigation is the call to report the depth of water at two fathoms.

Mark Twain is best known for his funny story, "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County," and for his novels, both humorous and serious. The most famous of these are The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, and The Prince and the Pauper. In this last book, he poked fun at the old upper-class in England, and showed how wrong it was to judge people by outward appearances.

Mark Twain died in April, 1910, but to his many readers around the world, he will live forever in Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn, Tom Canty, Edward Tudor, and his other unforgettable characters.

People You Will Read About

Tom Canty:

a boy who was born into a poor

family

Edward Tudor:

the prince of England, born on

the same time day with Tom

Bet and Nan:

Tom's elder twin sisters

Grammer Canty:

Tom's grandmother

John Canty:

Tom's father

Mrs. Canty:

Tom's mother

Father Andrew:

a poor priest who was kind to

Tom and had taught Tom some

knowledge

Lady Elizabeth:

Edward's sister

Lady Jane Grey:

Edward's cousin

Henry VIII:

Edward's father

Lord Hertford:

Edward's uncle

Lord St. John:

person who was sent by the King to help "Edward" hide his "mad-

ness"

Duke of Norfolk:

King Henry's political enemy

Miles Hendon:

a knight who had protected Ed-

ward

Arthur:

Miles's oldest brother

Hugh:

Miles's youngest brother

Lady Edith:

Miles's cousin and lover

Humphrey Marlowe:

Edward's whipping-boy who got

whipped when Edward had done

something wrong or not well

the leader of the gang of beggars

members in the gang of beggars

Ruffler:

Hodge, Burns and

Yokel, Hugo:

Blake Andrews:

an old Hendon family servant



Born on the Same Day

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Two Different Worlds

One autumn day in the 1500s, two babies were born. Both were boys, both had the same birthday, and both were born in London, England. Aside from those facts, life couldn't have been more different for the two.

Tom Canty was born to a family who wore **raggedy** clothes and lived in one crowded room. To them, the newborn was just another unwelcome mouth to feed.

Edward Tudor, on the other hand, was born in a palace, to a family who went wild with joy at his birth. So did all of England, for Edward was a prince. Cared for by great lords and ladies, little Prince Ed-



ward slept through the noisy street parties and bonfires in his honor.

Tom Canty's street, Offal Court, was noisy too, and crowded and dirty as well. His family lived on the third floor of a **rickety** house. His fifteen-year-old twin sisters, Bet and Nan, were good-natured like their mother. But his father and grandmother, Gammer Canty, were absolute terrors. He stole and she cursed. And both drank and fought a lot.

John Canty would roar at his family, "Where is the stuff from today's begging?"

Mrs. Canty would **timidly** hand him the coin she had gotten, and one of the girls would come up with a chunk of **stale** bread.

Then John Canty would turn to Tom. "What about you, brat? Nothing!" And he would grab his son and smack him around hard.

Then the grandmother would shriek at Tom, "I'm ashamed to call a rotten good-for-nothing like you my grandson!" And she would give him another beating.

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rickety / 'rikiti/ adj. 摇摇欲坠的,摇晃的 timidly / 'timidli/ adv. 胆小地, 羞怯地 stale /steil/ adj. 不新鲜的,发霉味的

· smack /smæk/ v. 打,击