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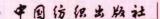
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### 前言

思想结晶改变人生命运,经典美文提高生活品位。曾几何时,一个字,触动你的心弦;一句话,让你泪流满面;一篇短文,让你重拾信心,勇敢面对生活给你的考验。这就是语言的魅力。通过阅读优美的英文短文,不仅能够扩大词汇量,掌握单词的用法,了解语法,学习地道的表达,更让你的心灵如沐春风,得到爱的呵护和情感的滋养。

岁月流转,经典永存。针对英语学习爱好者的需要,编者精心 选取了难易适中的英语经典美文,为你提供一场丰富多彩的文学盛 宴。本书采用中英文对照的形式,便于读者理解。每篇美文后都附 有单词解析、语法知识点、经典名句三大版块,让你在欣赏完一篇 美文后,还能扩充词汇量、巩固语法知识、斟酌文中好句,并感悟 人生。在一篇篇不同题材风格的英语美文中,你总能找到引起你心 灵共鸣的一篇。

读一本新书恰似坠入爱河,是场冒险。你得全身心地投入进去。翻开书页之时,从前言直至封底你或许都知之甚少。但谁又不 是呢?字里行间的只言片语不总是正确的。

有时候你会发现,人们自我推销时是一种形象,等你在深入了解后,他们就完全变样了。有时故事的叙述流于表面,朴实的语言,平淡的情节,但阅读过半后,你却发觉这本书真是出乎意料的妙不可言,而这种感受只能靠自己去感悟!

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阅读之乐,腹有诗书气自华;阅读之美,活水云影共天光。阅读可以放逐百年孤独,阅读可以触摸千年月光。阅读中有眼前的收获,阅读中也有诗和远方。

让我们静下心来感受英语美文的温度,在英语美文中仔细品味 似曾相识的细腻情感,感悟生命和人性的力量。

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## The Measure of Love Is When You Love Without Measure

#### 爱的限度就是无限度地去爱

Freda Bright says, "Only in opera do people die of love." It's true. You really can't love somebody to death. I've known people to die from no love, but I've never known anyone to be loved to death. We just can't love one another enough.

A heart-warming story tells of a woman who finally decided to ask her boss for a raise in salary. All day she felt **nervous** and **apprehensive**. Late in the afternoon she **summoned** the courage to approach her employer. To her delight, the boss agreed to a raise.

The woman arrived home that evening, finding a beautiful table set with best dishes. **Candles** were softly glowing. Her husband had come home early and prepared a **festive** meal. She wondered if someone from the office had **tipped** him off, or... why did he just somehow know that she would not get turned down?

She found him in the kitchen and told him the good news. They embraced and kissed, then sat down to the wonderful meal. Next to her plate

弗里达·布赖特说: "只有在歌剧中,人们才会为爱而死。"千真万确。的确,你不会因为爱一个人而死。我知道有人因为缺乏爱而死,可我从来没有听说过谁因被爱而死。爱永远都不会多。

有一个感人的故事,讲的 是有个女人终于决定去向老 板提出加薪的要求。她一整天 都焦虑不安。下午晚些时候, 她鼓起勇气向老板提议。让她 感到高兴的是,老板同意给她 加薪。

当晚,女人回家后,发现漂亮的餐桌上已经摆满了丰盛的菜肴,烛光在轻轻地摇曳着。丈夫提早回家准备了一顿庆祝宴。她心想,会不会是办公室里有人向他通风报信了呢?不然他怎么知道她不会被拒绝?

她在厨房里找到了他, 告诉了他这个好消息。他们 拥抱亲吻,然后坐下来共享 美餐。在她的盘子旁边,女 人看到了一张字迹优美的便 the woman found a beautifully lettered note. It read: "Congratulations, darling! I knew you'd get the raise! These things will tell you how much I love you."

After the supper, her husband went into the kitchen to clean up. She noticed that a second card had fallen from his pocket. Picking it off the floor, she read: "Don't worry about not getting the raise! You deserve it anyway! These things will tell you how much I love you."

Someone has said that the measure of love is when you love without measure. What this man feels for his spouse is total acceptance and love, whether she succeeds or fails. His love celebrates her victories and soothes her wounds. He stands with her, no matter what life throws in their direction.

Upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Mother Teresa said: "What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family." And love your friends. Love them without measure. 条。上面写着: "祝贺你,亲爱的!我就知道你会顺利加薪的。我为你做的这一切会告诉你,我有多么爱你。"

晚餐后,丈夫到厨房洗碗。她注意到又有张卡片从他口袋里掉了出来。她从地板上捡起卡片,念道: "不要因为没有加薪而烦恼!你本该值得加薪!我为你做的这一切会告诉你,我有多么爱你。"

有人曾经说过,爱的限度 就是无限度地去爱。不管妻子 成功还是失败,这个男人都给 予她完全的包容和爱。他的爱 庆祝她的胜利,也抚平她的创 伤。不管生活的道路上遇到什 么,他们始终同舟共济。

特蕾莎修女在接受诺贝尔和平奖时说道:"你能为促进世界和平做些什么呢?回家爱你的家人吧。"还要爱你的朋友,毫无限度地爱他们。

#### 单词解析 Word Analysis

opera ['a:prə] 题歌剧;歌剧艺术,歌剧业

He was also learned in classical music with a great love of opera.

他还是个酷爱歌剧的古典音乐家。

nervous ['n3:rvəs] ad 神经质的;紧张不安的;焦虑的

She was apparently a very nervous woman, and that affected her career.

她显然是一个很神经质的女人,这一点影响了她的事业。

apprehensive [ˌæprɪˈhεnsɪv] ad 忧虑的;惶惑的;有理解力的

People are still terribly apprehensive about the future. 人们对于将来仍然非常担心。

**summon** ['sʌmən] [] 传唤, 召唤; 鼓起(勇气); 传讯(出庭)

M Howe summoned a doctor and hurried over. 豪叫了医生,然后匆忙赶了过来。

candle ['kændl] 加蜡烛; 烛光; 蜡烛状物 圆对光检查

The bedroom was lit by a single candle.
卧室里只点了一支蜡烛。

festive ['fɛstɪv] ali 喜庆的;欢乐的;节日的,过节似的

The factory was due to shut for the festive period. 节日期间工厂将关门。

tip [tɪp] 四小费;小窍门;末梢 四给小费;倾斜,翻倒;装顶端

The sleeves covered his hands to the tips of his fingers. 袖子遮住了他的手,一直盖到指尖。

plate [plet] 圆盘子,盆;金属板;底片,感光底片 圆镀;覆盖;电镀

The plate broke.
盘子打破了。

sooth [su:θ] [ 真实 [ ] 抚慰的; 真实的; 温柔的; 甜蜜的

M Soothly to say, I got up late. 说实话, 我起来晚了。

wound [wund] 图 伤口; 创伤; 伤害 图 伤; 伤害

The wound is healing nicely. 伤口愈合得很好。

### 语法知识点 Grammar Points

1 Freda Bright says, "Only in opera do people die of love."

这个句子中有一个结构 "Only...do...",是一个倒装结构,表示"只有……才会……",强调opera。

- Only in this way can the experiment succeed. 唯有这样做,试验才能成功。
- 2 I've known people to die from no love, but I've never known anyone to be loved to death.

这个句子中有一个结构"die from",表示"死于……",相当于die of。

- 例 The old man died from cancer. 那位老人死于癌症。
- 3 Late in the afternoon she summoned the courage to approach her employer.

这个句子中有一个结构 "summon the courage to do sth.",表示"鼓起勇气做某事",相当于gather the courage to do sth.。

It took me six months to summon (up) the courage to ask him out for a drink.
我用了半年时间才鼓起勇气激请他出来喝一杯。

4 ...did he just somehow know that she would not get turned down?

这个句子中有一个结构 "turn sb. down",表示"拒绝……"。同义词还有refuse和reject。

- Why did he turn me down? 他为什么拒绝了我?
- (5) Upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Mother Teresa said: "What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family."

这个句子中有一个结构 "upon doing sth." ,表示 "一……就……" ,相 当于on doing sth.。

Upon seeing him, she ran to him happily.一看到他,她就开心地跑了过去。

### 经典名句 Famous Classics

- 1. Take away love, and our earth is a tomb. 把爱拿走,我们的地球就变成了一座坟墓。
- 2. Once you really need love, you will find that it is waiting for you. 一旦你确实需要爱,你就会发现它正在等待着你。
- 3. The only great thing about marriage is the only love between two hearts of mutual loyalty.

  婚姻唯一的伟大之处在于唯一的爱情——两颗心的互相忠实。
- 4. The most important thing in a person's life is to find themselves, and in the marriage is to be found.

  人的一生中最重要的事是发现自己,而在婚姻中则是被人所发现。
- 5. It is universally acknowledged that you are indispensible to me. 全世界都知道你是我不可或缺的一个人。

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### She Left Her Shoes 爱的遗鞋

She left her shoes: she took everything else - her toothbrush, her clothes, and even that stupid little silver vase on the table we kept candy in, just dumped it out on the table and took the vase. The tiny apartment we shared seemed different now, her stuff was gone, and it wasn't much really, although now the room seemed like a jigsaw puzzle with a few pieces missing, incomplete. The closet seemed empty too; most of it was her stuff anyway. But there they were at the bottom, piled up like they usually were, every single one of them. Why did she leave her shoes? She couldn't have forgotten them. I knew too well that she took great pride in her shoe collection. But there they still were, right down to her favorite pair of sandals. They were black with a design etched into the wide band that stretched across the top of them, the soles scuffed and worn; a delicate imprint of where her toes rested was visible in the soft fabric.

It seemed funny to me, she walked out of my life without her shoes, was that irony, or was I thinking of

她把鞋子留在了这里, 其他的统统都带走了, 包括她 的牙刷, 她的衣服, 甚至我 们摆放在桌上装糖果的银色小 瓶子。她直接把糖果倒在了桌 上, 然后把瓶子拿走了。这个 二人世界的小蜗居看上去已经 和以前大不一样了, 虽然原本 属于她的东西不是特别多,可 都给搬得干干净净, 这间房子 现在就如同一幅残缺的拼图, 不再完整。衣柜也变得空空如 也, 里面的东西大多都是她 的。然而就在柜子的底层,也 和往常一样堆积在那里,她的 鞋子却留了下来,一只也不 少。她为什么要把鞋子留下来 呢? 绝对不可能是忘了拿。我 知道她向来很宝贝她收藏的鞋 子。可是,这些鞋子真的就躺 在那里,还包括那双黑色的凉 鞋, 她挚爱的凉鞋。这双鞋有 着宽宽的鞋面,上面还镂刻有 花纹, 鞋底已经磨损破旧, 她 的脚趾印还依稀可见于鞋内软 皮上。

这可真让我百思不得其解,她既然选择离开我,却又

something else? In a way I was glad they were still here — she would have to come back for them, right? I mean how could she go on with the rest of her life without her shoes? But she would never come back. I know she wouldn't: she would rather walk barefoot over glass than have to see me again. But Christ she left all of her shoes! All of them, every sneaker, boot and sandal, every high heel and clog, every flipflop... What should I do? Should I leave them here, or bag them up and throw them in the trash? Should I look at them. every morning when I get dressed and wonder why she left them? She knew it, she knew what she was doing. I can't throw them out for fear she may return for them someday. I can't be rid of myself of her completely with all her shoes still in my life, can't dispose of them or the person that walked in them.

A deep footprint on my heart, I can't sweep her shoes away for they've left. All I can do is staring at them and wondering, staring at their laces and **strapping** their buttons and tread. They still connect me to her though, in some distant bizarre way they do. I can remember the good times we had, what pair she was wearing at that moment in time. They are hers and no else's; she wore down the heels, and

不带走她的鞋?这是一种讽刺 吗?还是我想歪了?从某种角 度说,我又暗自高兴——鞋子 既然被留了下来,那么她总有 一天会回来拿的, 对吗? 我是 说没了这些鞋子,她以后日子 怎么过啊?可是,她不会再回 来了。我知道她不会的,她宁 愿光脚踩玻璃也不愿意回来再 看见我的。可是, 老天! 她怎 么就把鞋子给留下来了呢? 所 有的鞋,包括全部的球鞋、靴 子、凉鞋、高跟鞋、木屐、人 字拖……我该怎么办啊?任它 们放在这儿,还是打包扔掉 呢? 我是不是每天打开衣柜就 要看见它们, 然后冥思苦想她 留下鞋子的目的呢? 她一定是 有意这样做的,她很清楚自己 在做什么。这些鞋子我不能 扔, 因为我怕有一天她会回来 拿。她的鞋就这样留在我生命 里,彻底摆脱对她的思念是不 可能的, 无论是鞋子还是它们 的主人我都无法舍弃。

她的鞋子在我心中留下的 深印实在难以抹去,我只能痴 痴地看着她的鞋,看着那些鞋 带,然后傻傻地把鞋扣系好。 这些鞋子仍然将我和她联结在 一起,虽然方式是那样滑稽 可笑。我能记住和她在一起的 快乐时光,她在哪时哪刻穿着 she scuffed their sides; it's her fragile footprint **imbedded** on the insole. I sat on the floor next to them and wondered how many places had she gone while wearing these shoes, how many miles she walked in them, and what pair was she wearing when she decided to leave me? I picked up a high heel she often wore and absently smelt it. It was not disgusting I thought. It was just the last **tangible** link I have to her; the last bit of reality I have of her. She left her shoes; she took everything else, except her shoes. They remain at the bottom of my closet, a shrine to her memory.

哪双鞋子。鞋子是她的, 不是 别人的。鞋跟磨短了,鞋边磨 破了, 鞋内是她纤纤的足印。 我席地坐在她的鞋子旁边,想 着她穿着这些鞋子到讨多少地 方? 走了多少的路? 她最后下 定决心要离开我时穿的又是哪 双鞋呢? 我拿起一只她常穿的 高跟鞋,心不在焉地嗅了一 下,我一点也不觉得恶心,因 为属于她而实实在在能让我拥 有的就只剩这气息了, 这也是 除了回忆以外她留给我的最后 一丝真实存在。她把鞋子遗留 在这儿,其余一切都带走了。 它们躺在衣柜的底层, 那个属 于她的回忆的神圣角落。

#### C 单词解析 Word Analysis

**stupid** ['stu:pid] **ad** 愚蠢的;迟钝的;乏味的;眩晕的,昏迷不醒的 **a**<**a**>**c**>傻子,笨蛋

I'll never do anything so stupid again. 我再也不会做这种傻事了。

silver ['sɪlvə(r)] n 银,银器,银币

Me and Helen celebrated their silver wedding last year.
他和海伦去年庆祝了他们的银婚。

dump [dʌmp] ☑ 倾倒;倾销;丢下;摆脱;突然跌倒或落下 呕 垃圾场;仓库;无秩序地累积

We dumped our bags at the nearby Grand Hotel and hurried towards the market.

我们把包扔在附近的格兰德酒店后就匆匆赶往集市。

#### jigsaw [ˈdʒɪgsɔː] 圆拼图

We've got a new jigsaw puzzle! 我们得到了一个新的七巧板。

sandal ['sændl] @ 凉鞋, 草带鞋; [植]檀香木 @ 使穿上凉鞋

② Constant use had fretted sandal strap to the breaking point. 凉鞋由于经常穿,鞋带快磨断了。

dispose [dɪˈspəuz] 型处理,布置,排列;处置;决定

Just fold up the nappy and dispose of it in the normal manner. 把尿布叠起来,像平常扔东西一样扔掉即可。

strap [stræp] ☑ 用带捆扎;用皮带抽打;拼命工作 ☑ 皮带;带子;磨刀皮带;鞭打

Mancy gripped the strap of her beach bag. 南希抓住了自己沙滩包的带子。

flip-flop [ˈflɪp,flap] n 后滚翻, 噼啪(声) ada 连续啪啪作响地 @ 使翻转;使……突然转变 add 后手翻的;突然改变的

M He has been criticized for flip-flopping on several key issues. 他因为在几个关键问题上临场变卦而备受批评。

imbed [ɪmˈbɛd] 圆栽种(花等),埋置,把·····嵌入

The thorn was embedded in her thumb. 荆棘扎入她大拇指里了。

tangible ['tændʒəbəl] add 可触知的;确实的,真实的;实际的; [法]有形的 n 有形资产;可触知的或具体的某事物

There should be some tangible evidence that the economy is starting to recover.

应该有明显迹象表明经济开始复苏了。