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## 编者的话 (代序)

一向以为,每一种语言都承载着一个民族的智慧与文化,它的不断更新变化也反映着使用者思维方式的变异和他们所处社会的演进。倘若脱离了社会现实,单单把语言当做工具来学习,不但没有什么趣味,效果恐怕也要大打折扣。本书所收的短文中使用的都是鲜活生动、原汁原味的英语,其内容则是在我们这个日新月异的世界上最近发生的一些有意思的事情。这些记录真实事件的短文涉及政治、经济、科技、宗教、艺术、体育、娱乐等各个方面,正如折射国外社会风貌的一颗颗小水珠。读者们可以借鉴其中鲜活的词汇、生动的句法和颇富风趣的行文,由此改善阅读和写作的技巧;也可以从中管窥我们这个星球上各个角落人们十分多样化的生活和思想。

古代许多文人雅士都喜欢搜集当时的异人异事乃至神仙鬼怪之说汇编成书,用以美善刺恶、讽时劝世,如刘义庆的《世说新语》、袁枚的《子不语》、纪昀的《阅微草堂笔记》等皆如此类。编者愚陋,不敢追攀前贤,但选文之时亦力求每篇皆有其令人回味或发人深省之处。其意不在讥弹,只在让读者对别样的文化和生活有所认识。作为文化的载体,英语本身无疑已经为我们揭示了许多西方世界的历史、传统、世界观和思维方式,而众多短文中记述的种种真实事件更是让当今世界中其他民族的生活跃然纸上、如在目前。

作为中国人,我们已经拥有一种源远流长、辉煌灿烂的文化,但这并不妨碍我们以开放的胸襟去了解和借鉴其他民族对世界的认识和思索。立足自身文化、放眼地平线之外多元文化的绚烂繁花,其中的乐趣和收获绝不仅仅局限于语言方面。编者在每篇短文之后附上了自己的一点心得,正是希望能借此与读者诸君分享思维的乐趣,或有强作解人之处,诸君但可一笑置之。总之,编者希望本书不仅是学习英语的好材料,也是一本值得在闲暇时一读的有趣的书。

为方便读者阅读,本书为全文英汉对照。编者在翻译时虽广泛查 证有关资料,力求准确无误,但由于文章题材多样、所涉背景知识芜 杂,加之编者才力有限,倘有疏失与未尽之处,恳请各位不吝指正。

> 李家真 二零零五年四月一日

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外语教学与研究出版社 FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING AND RESEARCH PRESS 北京 BEIJING Extinction Surge 未来时尚: 绝种

Recently a red monkey from the forests of West Africa was officially declared extinct - wiped off the planet as the first documented primate extinction since the 1700s. That may seem troubling, but even more worrisome, scientists say, is the swelling tidal wave of extinction that lies in the future. In fact, research indicates that at least one-fifth of the 608 species of primates that have evolved over millions of years could soon disappear. Although the situation is dire for a large portion of primates, scientists say they have learned that many species can be surprisingly resilient. Although small gene-pools can leave animals vulnerable to disease because of inbreeding, endangered species are not always doomed. As an expert in this field said, "As long as there is survival of a few individuals somewhere, and as long as humans leave them alone, they'll often come back, often quite rapidly. A little protection can go a long way."



One of the 25 most endangered primates, a golden lion tamarin perches on a tree in Brazil.

—只金狮小绢猴栖息在巴西的丛林中,这种动物是25种处境最危险的灵长类动物之一。