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# 前言

首先,在这里我要感谢我的妈妈刘伟大夫和我的爸爸巩昌 镇博士给我的鼓励和帮助。没有他们,我不可能写出这本书。在 此,我也向 Elise. Garafola 女士表示感谢,感谢她对本书的英文 编辑所作出的工作。

书中写的是我从五岁到十二岁所游历过的地方。所有的感受都是真实可信的体验。书中所描写的这二十多个地方,各自以其不同的特点给我留下了深刻的印象。这些经历对我来说不仅是愉快的旅游,更重要的是我因此全面而真实地了解了美国的自然、历史、艺术和科技。

我愿通过这本书和朋友们共享这一次次的快乐和激动。

#### Prologue

I would like to thank my mother, Dr. Wei Liu and my father, Dr. Changzhen Gong, for their encouragement and help. Without them, I don't think that I could have written this book. I would like to express my appreciation to Ms. Elise

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The adventures in this book are the places I visited between the ages of five and twelve. All of these experiences are real. The twenty-one episodes that I have written about are the most unforgettable of their kinds. Through my travels to these places, I have experienced the true United States. Not only did I enjoy the fun of these trips, I also learned about American history and nature, culture and art, science and technology through these adventures.

Of these adventures, the immense Grand Canyon, the "world's playground" Orlando, the ever-so sunny Florida beach, extraordinary New York City, exciting Los Angeles, beautiful Hawaii, unique Chicago, and the grand Niagara Falls amazed, astounded and inspired me most of all.

I am glad to share these exciting adventures with you through this book.



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# 都市风采 Metropolitan Adventures



# 大苹果城 纽约

# The Big Apple City: New York

那是在 1998 年,当爸爸告诉我要在美国独立节那天去纽约的时候,我高兴极了。经过几周的计划和准备,爸爸和我终于到达了纽约——这个大苹果城。它是美国最大最繁忙的城市,一个不夜城。

"为什么人们把纽约称为'大苹果'呢?"我在飞机上问爸爸。爸爸告诉我:"人们称它为'大苹果',是因为有一本名为《纽约旅行者》的书中是这样比喻它的:'纽约只是那棵植根于密西西比河谷,其枝杈从一个海洋伸展到另一个海洋的大树上的一个果实,但纽约这个果实却汲取了整个民族的大部分的汁液。'因此人们称它为'大苹果',并且已经公认这种说法确实非常贴切。"

The year was 1998. I was very happy when my dad told me that we were going to spend Independence Day in New York. After weeks of planning, my dad and I were finally arriving in New York—the Big Apple City. It is the largest and busiest city in the United States—a city that never sleeps.

"Why New York City is called the 'Big Apple?" I asked my dad on the plane.

"It's called the Big Apple because in 1909, a book called *The Wayfarer in New York* used a metaphor about New York. The book said, 'New York was merely one of the fruits of that great tree whose roots go down in the Mississippi Valley, and whose branches spread from one ocean to the other... But the big apple New York gets a disproportionate of national sap.' So, New York was a big apple in the metaphor, and people have gone on calling it that." My dad said.



## 自由女神

到旅馆放下行李后,我们 首先参观著名的自由女神雕 像。

自由女神雕像高 305 英 尺,是法国人民送给美国人民 的礼物,也是美国的象征。爸 爸和我乘渡船来到了自由女 神雕像所在的岛上。在渡船 上,远远眺望那神奇的雕像, 她就像随着海上的波浪前后 摇摆的岩石;再往前靠近些, 又似乎随着天上的云在舞动。 女神高举着自由的火把,面对 着无边无际的大西洋。

自由女神像坐落在自由岛上。自由岛上的游人非常多,但一点儿也不乱。人们在美国独立日这天瞻仰自由女神雕像已经形成了传统。这里绿草如茵,枫树、橡树和柳树摇曳生姿,错落有致,海风吹

## Statue of Liberty

After leaving our luggage at the hotel, we headed to the Statue of Liberty.

The Statue of Liberty is 305 feet high and is an American symbol. It was a present from France. We took a ferryboat to the island where the Statue of Liberty stood. From the ferry, I could see the magnificent, eye-catching monument. When one looks at the monument from far away, it seems to rocks back and forth with the waves of the sea. Up close, it looks as if it moves with the clouds. The Lady of Liberty holds the torch of freedom, facing the boundless Atlantic Ocean.

The Liberty Island was crowded but quiet. It was a tradition for

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拂着旅游者的脸,使人感到无限愉悦。这是一个自由的岛,一块充满生机的土地!

爸爸和我本想去参观一下雕像的顶部,但由于正在维修无法上去,真是令人遗憾!于是,我们来到雕像基座的启动。我是我们可以到达的一个。我们已经走过了。我们已经走过了。我们已经走过了台上女神雕像的354个台际,我们已经走过了台上的时候,我们的一个。往下走的时候,我们的一个一个,我最感兴趣的,我是食物了,我饿了。于是我们买了许多炸鸡,外酥里嫩,实在是好吃。

visitors come to the Statue of Liberty on the Independence Day. The green grass was like a cushion. Maple trees, oak trees, and evergreens towered into the clouds. Willow trees stroked the visitors' faces with a breeze from the sea. It was a island of freedom. It was a land of vitality.

My dad and I wanted to go to the crown, but it was closed for construction. Shucks! On the way to the top of the base, which was the farthest we could go, I counted how many steps there were. I think we went one fourth of the Statue of Liberty's 354 steps. When we got back down from the Statue of Liberty, we took some pictures of the Statue of Liberty, but my favorite thing there was the food. Their fried chicken was so crispy outside and tender inside. It was really good.

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## 世贸中心:最高之楼

朝北望去,我看到了帝国 大厦、洛克菲勒中心、克莱斯 勒大厦和更多的建筑。这是一 个拍照的最佳位置,可以拍下 拥有各种各样摩天大楼的城 市全景,就像《星球大战》第一

#### The Tallest Towers

The next day, we went to the twin towers of the World Trade Center.Before entering the center of finance and trade, we looked at the World Trade Center from the ground. It seemed as if the other buildings formed a plain, and the World Trade Center came out of the ground to soar ever so high above the other buildings. Standing at 110 stories, the World Trade Center was New York's highest tower. We went to the 107th story, which is the exhibition floor. From up there, New York looked like a busy city in miniature. The cars and people looked like ants far below. Since it was a clear day, I used my binoculars to see the Bronx River, the Queens Territory, and New Jersey.

Facing north, I saw the Empire State Building, Rockefeller Cen-