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多岁的人); Gen Yers/ Millennials/Gen Y (Y一代人/千禧一代,在 1981-2000 年出生的美国一代人); SL (第二人生网站), Slers (第二人生网站的居民/注册用户); LOL (笑得很开心); cyber-shopping (网上购物); wellderly (年老体壮者), illderly (年老体衰者); podcast (播客); potterologist (波特专家)等。绝对鲜活的语言,纯正地道的表达,够潮、够炫的词汇,绝对让你紧跟时代步伐,学到最潮、最 in 的英语,真正做到"时尚阅读,国际表达"。

本书所有文章都是经过仔细斟酌筛选,汇集了众多英语 教师的努力,编者衷心希望本书能给广大读者带来阅读的乐趣,成为您路途中的伴侣。

在本书的编撰过程中,我们参考了国外多种报刊,恕不一一列出,在此谨向原作者表示敬意。同时,还要感谢北京新航道教育文化发展有限责任公司的大力支持,并向郭遐等老师表示诚挚的谢意。

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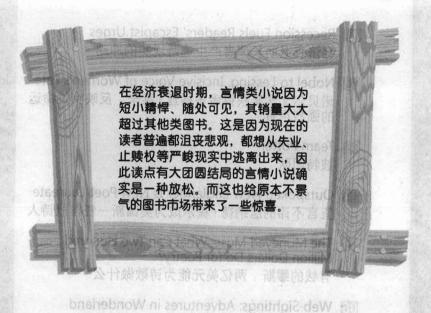
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Recession Fuels Readers' Escapist Urges

By Motoko Rich

At a time when booksellers are struggling to lure readers, sales of romance novels are outstripping most other categories of books and giving some buoyancy to an otherwise sluggish market.

Harlequin Enterprises, the queen of the romance world, reported that fourth-quarter earnings were up 32 percent

over the same period a year earlier, and Donna Hayes, Harlequin's chief executive, said that sales in the first quarter of this year remained very strong. While sales of adult fiction overall were basically flat last year, according to Nielsen Bookscan, which tracks about 70 percent of retail sales, the romance category was up 7 percent after holding fairly steady for the previous four years.

At Barnes & Noble, the country's largest book chain, where its chief financial officer, Joe Lombardi, recently warned that overall 2009 sales were likely to fall between 4 percent and 6 percent, sales of romance novels are up. Like the Depression-era readers who fueled blockbuster sales of Margaret Mitchell's Gone With the Wind, today's readers are looking for an escape from the grim realities of layoffs, foreclosures and shrinking 401(k) balances.

"Given the general dismay and gloominess," said Jennifer Lampe, a lawyer in Des Moines and avid romance reader who runs a book blog under the pseudonym Jane Litte at dearauthor.com, "reading something like a romance with a happy ending is really kind of a relief."

Such escapist urges are also fueling sales of science fiction and fantasy, said Bob Wietrak, a vice president for merchandising at Barnes & Noble. Mr. Wietrak said sales of novels with vampires, werewolves and other paranormal creatures were "exploding", whether they were found in the romance, fantasy or young-adult aisles.

The romance genre may also be especially attractive to consumers during difficult economic times because so many of the books are sold in the mass-market format, smaller paperbacks often found on racks at the grocery store or in airport bookshops. These books sell for \$7.99 or less, compared with \$12 to \$15 on larger trade paperbacks. Romance novels also often appear in discount chains like Wal-Mart or Kmart, where shoppers make impulse buys.

Romance novels have also captured a larger proportion of the electronic book market than other categories. Whereas most publishers say that about 1 percent of sales come from e-books, Harlequin says that digital editions make up about 3.4 percent of its sales. At Fictionwise, the e-book seller recently acquired by Barnes & Noble, about 50 percent of sales are romance books, said Steve Pendergrast, chief technology officer. "Romance readers tend to be voracious readers," Mr. Pendergrast said. "The ability to instantly download and start reading is potentially more important to that audience than any other audience."

The recession has also meant more business for other purveyors of romance books: public libraries. Robin Bradford, the fiction buyer for the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, said demand for many romance titles had gone way up.

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经济衰退时期,人们喜欢看的是大团圆的结局。 在各家书商都在拼命吸引读者之际,言情类 小说的销量超过了大多数其他类图书,这给原本 不景气的图书市场带来了一些惊喜。

言情类图书出版大户哈莱奎因出版公司报告说,去年第四季度的营业额比上年同期增长了32%。公司总裁唐娜·海斯认为,今年第一季度的销量仍保持强劲势头。尼尔森图书调查公司对70%左右的零售市场进行了跟踪调查,发现尽管去年成人小说的总体销量平平,但言情类图书的销量却增长了7%,而其在此前4年的销量也始终保持平稳。

美国最大的连锁书店巴恩斯-诺布尔的财务总监乔·隆巴尔迪最近警告说,2009年全年的图书销量可能会下降4%至6%,但该店言情小说的销量却在不断上升。正如大萧条时代的读者争相购买玛格丽特·米切尔的《飘》一样,现在的读者也想从失业、止赎权和401(K)账户余额缩水等严峻现实中逃离出来。

德梅因的律师珍妮弗·兰普是个言情小说迷,她在dearauthor网站上用笔名简·利特开设了读书博客。她说:"人们普遍都有沮丧悲观的情绪,因此读点有大团圆结局的言情小说确实是一种放松。"