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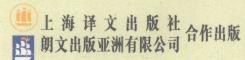












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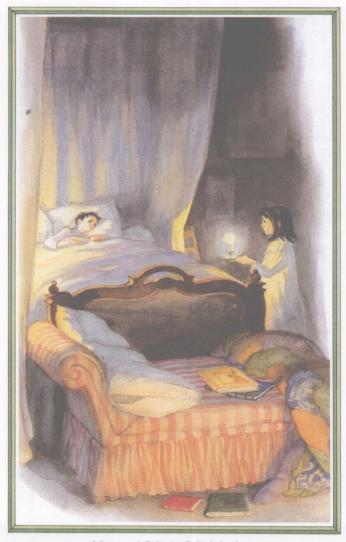
Misselthwaite Manor and the moor 米塞尔斯威特庄园和沼泽地 (参见前言)



Mary puts the key into the door of the secret garden 玛丽将钥匙插进秘密花园的门里 (参见第九章)



Mary and Dickon look at the plants in the garden 玛丽和狄肯看着花园里的草木 (参见第十一章)



Mary and Colin in Colin's bedroom 玛丽和科林在科林的卧室里(参见第十三章)



Mary, Colin, Dickon and Ben walk around the secret garden 玛丽、科林、狄肯和本在花园里转悠(参见第十九章)

#### 给读者的话

学好英语的关键之一是多读。读什么?英语大师们的回答是:读名著。倘若名著又长又难,怎么办?那么就从简写本开始。《朗文英汉对照阶梯阅读丛书》就是为满足这种需要编写的。这套丛书以循序渐进的方法、最浅显的英语词汇和最精美的全页彩图,给你讲世界上脍炙人口的经典故事。本套丛书有四大特色:

- 一、所选内容均为世界文学名著;
- 二、英语地道、纯正、流畅、清新,均出自英美名家 手笔;
- 三、语言浅显易懂,可读性强。本丛书共分四级,所用英语单词分别为:第一级 500 个,第二级 900 个,第三级 1300 个,第四级 1800 个,非常适合不同程度的中学生、大学生及广大英语爱好者阅读;
- 四、英汉对照,帮助理解。汉语译文准确、优美。在 符合汉语表达习惯的基础上,力图传达英语原 文的意美和形美。

我们的宗旨就是向你打开通向英语名著世界的一扇扇小窗,让你轻轻松松地寓语言学习、文学欣赏和翻译练习于一体,一举而有三得。

# Introduction

Frances Hodgson Burnett

Frances Hodgson was born in Manchester, England, in 1849. Her father was successful as a dealer in metal goods, but he died while Frances was still very young. The family continued to deal in metal goods, but more and more of their trade was with the southern states of America. The American Civil War, between the northern states and some southern states (1861–65), ended badly for the southern states and for the Hodgson company. The Hodgsons went to the United States and lived in the state of Tennessee.

They were very poor until Frances had some success as a writer from 1866, when she was seventeen years old.

In 1873, Frances Hodgson married Dr Swan Burnett. Her name was already known to many readers, so Mrs Frances Burnett kept the "Hodgson" in her name as a writer.

She had great success with her novel *Little Lord Fauntleroy* in 1886. Learned people now think that this story of an American boy who becomes an English lord is not good because it plays too much on the reader's feelings. But thousands of people enjoyed it.

### 前 言

#### 弗兰西斯•霍奇森•伯内特

弗兰西斯·霍奇森于 1849 年生于英国的曼彻斯特, 她的父亲是个靠做金属品买卖发家的商人,但是弗兰西 斯很小的时候父亲就去世了。霍奇森家继续从事金属品 交易,不过他们越来越多的生意是与美国南部各州的商 人做的。美国的南北战争(1861-1865)以南部的惨败而 告终,霍奇森公司也遭到严重亏损。霍奇森一家前往美 国,在田纳西州定居。

他们家境贫寒,直到 1866 年,弗兰西斯十七岁时 在写作上获得成功,家境才有所好转。

1873 年, 弗兰西斯嫁给了斯旺·伯内特医生。她的 名字已为广大读者熟悉, 因此作为作家的弗兰西斯仍然 保留着"霍奇森"这个名字。

她于 1886 年出版的《方特勒罗伊小爵爷》一书获得极大的成功。这个故事讲的是一个美国男孩后来成了英国爵爷。现在的有识之士认为这不是一个精彩的故事,因为它过于玩弄读者的感情。但是成千上万的人喜爱它。

The Secret Garden came out in 1909. It was written for children, but older people enjoy it because it shows the writer's surprising understanding of children, even when she herself was sixty years old.

Frances Hodgson Burnett died in 1924 in Long Island, USA.

#### The Secret Garden

The story begins in India at a time when very many British people lived there. They worked in government, in the army, on the railways and in trade. They were not all like the father and mother of Mary in this story, but many of them had plenty of Indian servants, and sometimes the European mothers did not give enough time and care to their own children. The hot season was not good for Europeans, and there were illnesses that the doctors did not know much about. That is how Mary became an unhealthy, rather nasty child.

England would seem a strange country after the India that Mary knew. And the Yorkshire moors would be even stranger. They are cold in winter. The wind blows strongly over them, with very few trees to stop it. You don't see many houses on the high moors, and the rough grass is all right for sheep but not for cows or other farm animals. The Yorkshire people believe it is very healthy, but an unhappy little child from India wouldn't think so at first.

《秘密花园》出版于 1909 年。它是为孩子们写的。 但是成年人也爱读它, 因为它表现了作者对孩子们的惊 人的理解, 尽管当时她本人已经六十岁了。

弗兰西斯•霍奇森于 1924 年在美国长岛去世。

#### 《秘密花园》

故事起初发生在印度,当时有许多英国人生活在那里。他们有的在政府里、军队里、铁路上工作,有的做生意。他们并不都像故事中玛丽的爸爸妈妈一样,但是他们中的许多人雇了很多印度佣人,有时候身为欧洲人的妈妈们很少花时间关心她们的孩子。印度炎热的气候令欧洲人难以适应,那里有些疾病连医生们也查不出原因。所以玛丽才成了一个不健康的,邋遢而讨人厌的孩子。

对于熟悉了印度的玛丽来说,英国似乎是个古怪的国家。约克郡的沼泽地更古怪。冬天那里很冷,狂风呼呼地从沼泽地上吹过,没有树木来阻挡它。高沼地上看不见许多房子,杂草对羊儿有利,但对于牛和其它农畜毫无用处。约克郡的人们认为那里非常有益于健康,但是对一个出生于印度的不幸的孩子来说,一开始是受不了的。

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