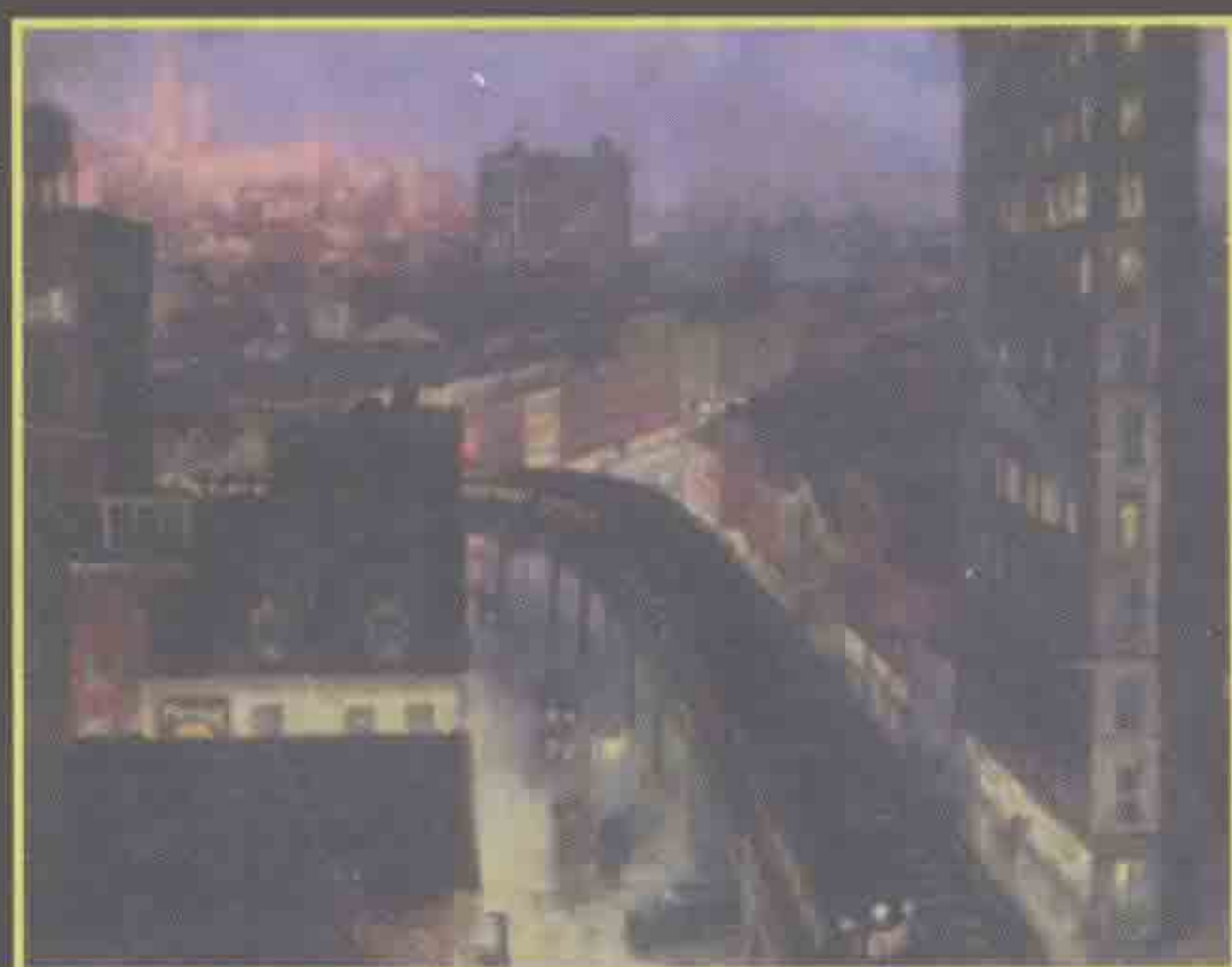


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## 出版前言

《剑桥文学指南》是上海外语教育出版社从海外引进的一套研究、介绍外国文学的丛书，内容涉及作家、作品、文学流派、文学史等诸多方面。作者均为在该领域有着较深造诣的专家、学者。

《美国现实主义和自然主义》是该丛书中的一本。

一般认为，现实主义和自然主义文学流派最早产生于19世纪中叶的欧洲。随着工业革命的产生，随着自然科学在许多领域出现新的进展，崇尚实证的风气大为发扬。过去那种凭借丰富的想象和主观感受的浪漫主义，那种缠绵悱恻的伤感文学，渐渐失去原有的魅力。代之而起的是对自然和社会现实的客观观察和逼真刻划。现实主义和自然主义文学主张客观地再现外部世界，提倡真实地反映生活与人生，反对浪漫主义文学浓厚的主观色彩以及离奇的情节，摒弃传统的神话题材而从平凡的日常生活中发掘素材。文学不再以描写宫廷贵族为己任，而是将日常生活写进作品，将家庭妇女、破产商人、穷教师、小职员等平民，甚至水手、酒徒、小偷、妓女等“下等人”写进作品。

19世纪美国现实主义和自然主义文学，无疑受到欧洲的影响。但它同时又有其本国的文学土壤——乡土文学。南北战争结束后，各州的社会发展

在美国产生了“乡土文学”热。作家运用当地的方言，反映现实生活，描绘当地的传统和风土人情。这些创作题材和艺术手法对后来的现实主义小说家都产生过积极的影响，产生了马克·吐温、豪威尔斯、伊迪丝·华顿等作家。随着社会矛盾的加剧和科学的发展，自然主义开始在美国小说创作中流行并逐渐引起人们的关注，涌现出西奥多·德莱塞、厄普敦·辛克莱、辛克莱·刘易斯等著名作家。

本书由美国著名学者 Donald Pizer 教授主编，汇集了 11 篇视角新颖的评论文章，旨在对美国现实主义和自然主义进行全面的介绍和研究。全书共分三个部分：第一部分为历史背景的研究；第二部分为 20 世纪 70 年代以来对该流派的批评方法的研究；第三部分为作品研究，涉及到豪威尔斯、亨利·詹姆斯、马克·吐温、西奥多·德莱塞、厄普敦·辛克莱、杰克·伦敦等 10 多位作家及其作品。本书还附有自 1865 至 1914 年的大事年表，按年代记录了这一时期发生的政治、经济及文学上的重大事件，对于我们深入研究美国文学无疑具有很大的价值。

本书的读者对象为大学外语教师，外国文学研究人员，外国文学专业的研究生、博士生，以及具备了较高英语阅读能力的外国文学爱好者。

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## CHRONOLOGY

- 1865 Thirteenth Amendment abolishes slavery; Lee surrenders at Appomattox; Lincoln assassinated, Andrew Johnson succeeds (president to 1869).  
Mark Twain, "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County."  
Walt Whitman, *Drum-Taps*.
- 1866 Atlantic cable completed; Ku Klux Klan founded. Fyodor Dostoevski, *Crime and Punishment*.  
John Greenleaf Whittier, *Snow-Bound*.
- 1867 Reconstruction Act; Alfred Nobel perfects dynamite.  
John W. De Forest, *Miss Ravenel's Conversion from Secession to Loyalty*.  
George Washington Harris, *Sut Lovingood Yarns*.
- 1868 Effort to impeach President Johnson narrowly fails; Fourteenth Amendment guaranteeing civil rights.
- 1869 Ulysses S. Grant, president 1869-77; Suez Canal opens; Union Pacific-Central Pacific transcontinental railroad completed; Wyoming passes first woman's suffrage act in the United States. Matthew Arnold, *Culture and Anarchy*; John Stuart Mill, *The Subjection of Women*.  
Harriet Beecher Stowe, *Oldtown Folks*.  
Mark Twain, *The Innocents Abroad*.
- 1870 Franco-Prussian War (France capitulates in 1871); John D. Rockefeller founds the Standard Oil Company; death of Charles Dickens.  
Bret Harte, *The Luck of Roaring Camp and Other Sketches*.
- 1871 Chicago destroyed by fire; Smith College founded. Emile Zola publishes the first novel in his Rougon-Macquart series (completed in 1893). Charles Darwin, *The Descent of Man*.  
Edward Eggleston, *The Hoosier Schoolmaster*.

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- William Dean Howells, *Their Wedding Journey*.  
Walt Whitman, *Democratic Vistas*.
- 1872 John W. De Forest, *Kate Beaumont*.  
Mark Twain, *Roughing It*.
- 1873 *Crédit Mobilier* scandal implicates many in federal government;  
failure of Jay Cooke & Co. precipitates Panic of 1873. Herbert  
Spencer, *The Study of Sociology*; Leo Tolstoy, *Anna Karenina*.  
William Dean Howells, *A Chance Acquaintance*.  
Mark Twain and Charles Dudley Warner, *The Gilded Age*.
- 1874 Woman's Christian Temperance Union founded; first impression-  
ist exhibition in Paris.  
Rebecca Harding Davis, *John Andross*.  
Edward Eggleston, *The Circuit Rider*.  
John Fiske, *The Outlines of Cosmic Philosophy*.
- 1875 John W. De Forest, *Honest Jane Vane*.  
Bret Harte, *Tales of the Argonauts*.  
William Dean Howells, *A Foregone Conclusion*.  
Henry James, *A Passionate Pilgrim and Other Tales*.
- 1876 Disputed election of 1876 between Samuel J. Tilden and Ruther-  
ford B. Hayes, with Hayes declared president (1877-81) by the  
Electoral Commission; Alexander Graham Bell invents the tele-  
phone; Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia; Custer defeated at  
the Battle of Little Big Horn.  
Henry James, *Roderick Hudson*.  
Mark Twain, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.
- 1877 End of Reconstruction.  
Henry James, *The American*.  
Sarah Orne Jewett, *Deephaven*.
- 1878 Thomas Hardy, *The Return of the Native*.  
Henry James, *French Poets and Novelists*.
- 1879 Edison patents the incandescent lamp. Henrik Ibsen, *A Doll's  
House*.  
George Washington Cable, *Old Creole Days*.  
Henry George, *Progress and Poverty*.  
Henry James, *Daisy Miller*.  
Albion W. Tourgée, *A Fool's Errand*.
- 1880 Death of George Eliot.  
Henry Adams, *Democracy*.  
George Washington Cable, *The Grandissimes*.

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- William Dean Howells, *The Undiscovered Country*.  
 Lew Wallace, *Ben-Hur*.
- 1881 James A. Garfield, president in 1881, is assassinated; succeeded by Chester A. Arthur, 1881–5; Booker T. Washington establishes Tuskegee Institute; American Federation of Labor founded.  
 Joel Chandler Harris, *Uncle Remus*.
- 1882 Henry James, *The Portrait of a Lady* and *Washington Square*.  
 Chinese exclusion act; deaths of Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.
- 1883 William Dean Howells, *A Modern Instance*.  
 Pendleton Act, establishing Civil Service; Northern Pacific transcontinental railroad completed; Brooklyn Bridge opens; first Chicago skyscraper.
- 1884 E. W. Howe, *The Story of a Country Town*.  
 Mark Twain, *Life on the Mississippi*.  
 Mugwump liberal wing of Republican party contributes to defeat of James G. Blaine by Grover Cleveland, president 1885–9, 1893–7, the only Democratic president from the Civil War to the election of Woodrow Wilson in 1912.
- John Hay, *The Bread-Winners*.  
 Mary Noailles Murfree, *In The Tennessee Mountains*.  
 Mark Twain, *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.
- 1885 Leopold II, king of Belgium, takes personal possession of the Congo; internal combustion engine patented.  
 Ulysses S. Grant, *Personal Memoirs*.
- 1886 William Dean Howells, *The Rise of Silas Lapham*.  
 Haymarket Riot in Chicago, anarchists blamed. Karl Marx, *Capital* (first appearance in English).  
 Andrew Carnegie, *Triumphant Democracy*.  
 William Dean Howells, *Indian Summer* and the “Editor’s Study” (to 1892), *Harper’s Monthly Magazine*.  
 Henry James, *The Bostonians*.  
 Sarah Orne Jewett, *A White Heron*.  
 Constance Fenimore Woolson, *East Angels*.
- 1887 Interstate Commerce Act; first electric streetcars.  
 Mary Wilkins Freeman, *A Humble Romance and Other Stories*.  
 Harold Frederic, *Seth’s Brother’s Wife*.  
 William Dean Howells, *The Minister’s Charge*.  
 Joseph Kirkland, *Zury: The Meanest Man in Spring County*.

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- 1888 Nicholas Tesla invents the first electric motor; George Eastman perfects the box camera. Rudyard Kipling, *Plain Tales from the Hills*.  
Edward Bellamy, *Looking Backward*.  
Henry James, *The Aspern Papers* and *Partial Portraits*.
- 1889 Benjamin Harrison, president 1889-93.  
Lafcadio Hearn, *Chita*.  
William Dean Howells, *Annie Kilburn*.  
Theodore Roosevelt, *The Winning of the West* (completed 1896).  
Mark Twain, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*.
- 1890 Sherman Anti-Trust Act. J. G. Frazer, *The Golden Bough* (completed 1915); Henrik Ibsen, *Hedda Gabler*.  
Emily Dickinson, *Poems*.  
James A. Herne, *Margaret Fleming*.  
William Dean Howells, *A Hazard of New Fortunes*.  
William James, *The Principles of Psychology*.  
Jacob Riis, *How the Other Half Lives*.
- 1891 First International Copyright Law; deaths of Herman Melville and James Russell Lowell. Thomas Hardy, *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*.  
Ambrose Bierce, *Tales of Soldiers and Civilians*.  
H. H. Boyesen, *The Mammon of Unrighteousness*.  
Mary Wilkins Freeman, *A New England Nun and Other Stories*.  
Hamlin Garland, *Main-Travelled Roads*.  
William Dean Howells, *Criticism and Fiction*.
- 1892 Strike riots at Carnegie Steel Company, Homestead; formation of the People's party (Populists) to press for farmers' reforms; deaths of Walt Whitman and John Greenleaf Whittier.  
Charlotte Perkins Gilman, "The Yellow Wallpaper."  
William Dean Howells, *The Quality of Mercy*.
- 1893 Grover Cleveland, president 1893-7; Wall Street Panic of 1893 begins depression (to 1897); Anti-Saloon League formed; World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.  
Stephen Crane, *Maggie: A Girl of the Streets*.  
Henry B. Fuller, *The Cliff-Dwellers*.  
Frederick Jackson Turner, "The Significance of the Frontier in American History."
- 1894 Pullman Company strike and violence in Chicago followed by nationwide rail strike; Coxey's Army marches on Washington; first kinetoscope (motion picture) opens in New York.

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- George Washington Cable, *John March, Southerner*.  
 Kate Chopin, *Bayou Folk*.  
 Hamlin Garland, *Crumbling Idols*.  
 William Dean Howells, *A Traveller from Altruria*.  
 Mark Twain, *The Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson*.
- 1895 Marconi invents radio telegraphy; Röntgen discovers x-rays;  
 death of Frederick Douglass. Joseph Conrad, *Almayer's Folly*;  
 H. G. Wells, *The Time Machine*.  
 Stephen Crane, *The Black Riders* and *The Red Badge of Cour-  
 age*.  
 Henry B. Fuller, *With the Procession*.  
 Hamlin Garland, *Rose of Dutcher's Coolly*.
- 1896 William Jennings Bryan's "Cross of Gold" speech at Democratic  
 Convention; beginning of Klondike Gold Rush; first modern  
 Olympic Games; Nobel Prizes established; death of Harriet  
 Beecher Stowe.  
 James Lane Allen, *A Summer in Arcady*.  
 Abraham Cahan, *Yekl: A Tale of the New York Ghetto*.  
 Paul Laurence Dunbar, *Lyrics of a Lowly Life*.  
 Harold Frederic, *The Damnation of Theron Ware*.  
 Sarah Orne Jewett, *The Country of the Pointed Firs*.  
 Charles M. Sheldon, *In His Steps*.
- 1897 William McKinley, president 1897-1901; Greco-Turkish War.  
 Richard Harding Davis, *Soldiers of Fortune*.  
 William Dean Howells, *The Landlord at Lion's Head*.  
 Henry James, *What Maisie Knew* and *The Spoils of Poynton*.  
 Edwin Arlington Robinson, *The Children of the Night*.
- 1898 Spanish-American War, 25 April-12 August; defeat of Spanish  
 forces at Manila Bay, Cuba, and Puerto Rico; United States ceded  
 the Philippines and Puerto Rico; Dreyfus case turmoil in France;  
 death of Harold Frederic.  
 Stephen Crane, *The Open Boat and Other Tales of Adventure*.  
 Finley Peter Dunne, *Mr. Dooley in Peace and War*.
- 1899 Beginning of Philippine insurrection (to 1902) and the Boer War  
 in South Africa (to 1902).  
 George Ade, *Fables in Slang*.  
 Charles W. Chesnutt, *The Conjure Woman*.  
 Kate Chopin, *The Awakening*.  
 Stephen Crane, *The Monster and Other Stories*.  
 John Dewey, *The School and Society*.



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- Harold Frederic, *The Market Place*.  
 Edwin Markham, *The Man with the Hoe and Other Poems*.  
 Frank Norris, *McTeague*.  
 Booth Tarkington, *The Gentleman from Indiana*.  
 Thorstein Veblen, *The Theory of the Leisure Class*.
- 1900 Paris International Exhibition; death of Stephen Crane. Joseph Conrad, *Lord Jim*; Sigmund Freud, *The Interpretation of Dreams*. Charles W. Chesnutt, *The House Behind the Cedars*. Theodore Dreiser, *Sister Carrie*. Robert Herrick, *The Web of Life*. Jack London, *The Son of the Wolf*. Theodore Roosevelt, *The Strenuous Life*. Mark Twain, *The Man That Corrupted Hadleyburg*.
- 1901 William McKinley reelected (1900) and assassinated; succeeded by Theodore Roosevelt, president 1901–9; death of Queen Victoria, succeeded by Edward VII; J. P. Morgan organizes United States Steel Corporation. Winston Churchill, *The Crisis*. Frank Norris, *The Octopus*. Booker T. Washington, *Up From Slavery*.
- 1902 Deaths of Frank Norris and Emile Zola. Arnold Bennett, *Anna of the Five Towns*; Maxim Gorki, *The Lower Depths*. Ellen Glasgow, *The Battle-Ground*. Henry James, *The Wings of the Dove*. William James, *The Varieties of Religious Experience*. Owen Wister, *The Virginian*.
- 1903 Wright Brothers' first flight; founding of the Ford Motor Company; death of Herbert Spencer. Samuel Butler, *The Way of All Flesh*. W. E. B. DuBois, *The Souls of Black Folk*. Henry James, *The Ambassadors*. Jack London, *The Call of the Wild*. Frank Norris, *The Pit and The Responsibilities of the Novelist*.
- 1904 Russo-Japanese War (to 1905); Saint Louis Exposition; American Academy of Arts and Letters founded; death of Kate Chopin. Henry Adams, *Mont-Saint-Michel and Chartres*. Ellen Glasgow, *The Deliverance*. Robert Herrick, *The Common Lot*. Henry James, *The Golden Bowl*. Jack London, *The Sea-Wolf*.

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- Lincoln Steffens, *The Shame of the Cities*.  
 Ida Tarbell, *The History of the Standard Oil Company*.
- 1905 Revolutionary violence in Russia; International Workers of the World (IWW) founded; Einstein formulates special theory of relativity. Sigmund Freud, *Three Essays on the Theory of Sexuality*. Thomas Dixon, *The Clansman*. Robert Herrick, *The Memoirs of an American Citizen*. David Graham Phillips, *The Plum Tree*. Edith Wharton, *The House of Mirth*.
- 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire; Pure Food and Drug Act. O. Henry, *The Four Million*. Jack London, *White Fang*. Upton Sinclair, *The Jungle*. Mark Twain, *What Is Man?*
- 1907 Financial Panic of 1907. Henry Adams, *The Education of Henry Adams*. Henry James, *The American Scene*. William James, *Pragmatism*.
- 1908 Arnold Bennett, *The Old Wives' Tale*; E. M. Forster, *A Room with a View*. Jack London, *The Iron Heel*. H. L. Mencken, *The Philosophy of Friedrich Nietzsche*.
- 1909 William Howard Taft, president 1909-13; Henry Ford begins mass production of Model T; Robert E. Peary reaches the North Pole; W. E. B. DuBois helps found the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); Sigmund Freud lectures in the United States. Jack London, *Martin Eden*. Ezra Pound, *Personae*. Gertrude Stein, *Three Lives*. William Allen White, *A Certain Rich Man*. William Carlos Williams, *Poems*.
- 1910 Death of Edward VII, succeeded by George V; deaths of William James, Florence Nightingale, Leo Tolstoy, and Mark Twain. Jane Addams, *Twenty Years at Hull House*. Edwin Arlington Robinson, *The Town Down the River*.
- 1911 Supreme Court orders dissolution of the Standard Oil Company and the American Tobacco Company; Roald Amundsen reaches the South Pole. Theodore Dreiser, *Jennie Gerhardt*.

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- Edith Wharton, *Ethan Frome*.
- 1912 Three-way presidential election, with Woodrow Wilson (president 1913–21) defeating William Howard Taft and Theodore Roosevelt; American marines occupy Nicaragua; *Titanic* sinks on maiden voyage; *Poetry* magazine founded in Chicago.  
Theodore Dreiser, *The Financier*.  
James Weldon Johnson, *The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man*.
- 1913 Sixteenth Amendment authorizes federal income tax; Armory Show on modern art in New York. D. H. Lawrence, *Sons and Lovers*; Thomas Mann, *Death in Venice*; Marcel Proust, *Swann's Way*.  
Willa Cather, *O Pioneers!*  
Robert Frost, *A Boy's Will*.  
Ellen Glasgow, *Virginia*.  
Vachel Lindsay, *General William Booth Enters into Heaven*.  
Edith Wharton, *The Custom of the Country*.
- 1914 World War I begins following the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand in June; Panama Canal opens; United States marines land at Vera Cruz, Mexico.  
Theodore Dreiser, *The Titan*.  
Robert Frost, *North of Boston*.  
Robert Herrick, *Clark's Field*.