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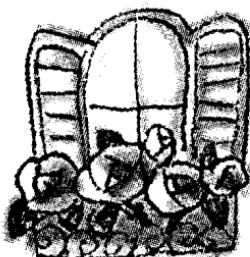
当今时代，英语已成为国际社会的标准语言，成为走向世界的通行证。英语阅读则是人们开阔眼界、及时获取信息、把握机会，甚至增添生活乐趣的手段。而对英语原版名著的阅读无疑是感受浓郁的异域文化，了解多姿多彩的风土人情，并掌握地道英语的最佳途径。

为此，我们精选了这一套英文原版名著，纯正地道的英语，将会带您进入一个绚丽多彩的世界。

读者在阅读英语原著时应该注意：

可以使用词典，但不要逢词必查。

没有词典的帮助阅读会非常困难，但是，只有把心思用在意义的解读上时，读者才能摆脱词汇量的束缚，才会知道哪些词该查，哪些词不该查，哪些地方该详细地看，哪些地方该跳过去；也只



有在抛开了积累词汇学习英语等基本想法之后，才能够做到词汇的高度积累，语法体系的高度完善，英语水平的高度发展。

本丛书选文精心，可读性强，相信读者在阅读后英语水平一定会有大幅度的提高。

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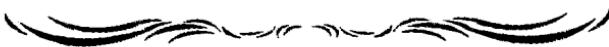


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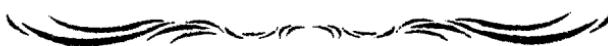


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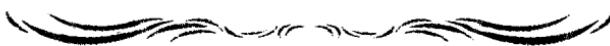


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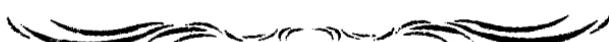




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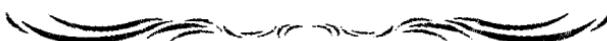




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## The Moral Principle and the Material Interest

A MORAL Principle met a Material Interest on a bridge wide enough for but one.

“Down, you base thing!” thundered the Moral Principle,  
“and let me pass over you!”

The Material Interest merely looked in the other’s eyes without saying anything.

“Ah,” said the Moral Principle, hesitatingly, “let us draw lots to see which shall retire till the other has crossed.”

The Material Interest maintained an unbroken silence and an unwavering stare.

“In order to avoid a conflict,” the Moral Principle resumed, somewhat uneasily, “I shall myself lie down and let you walk over me.”