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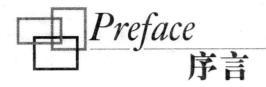
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英语这门语言在世界众多国家普遍使用,毫无疑问应该重视英语、学好英语。但广大学生学习英语大多数都从枯燥的英语课本中开始,仅仅学习听、说、读、写、译、对英语的文学文化却知之甚少。正如任何一家百年老店的传承都有其独到的秘笈一样,英语的背后积淀的是西方国家的文化底蕴。英语同样也有背不烂的唐诗三百首、研究不透的《红楼梦》,它们融入了西方国家的文化精髓,是英语文学中的经典,流传久远。它们以各种不同的形式出现:童话神奇诱人、魅力无穷;寓言短小精悍、发人深思;散文意境优美、折射人生;书信热烈真实、开启心扉;演讲逻辑严密、文理俱佳。更有诗歌、小说、戏剧、神话等美妙珍品,是历史和文化的瑰宝。鉴此、编者采撷了各种体裁的一些精品,把这套《世纪百年英文经典》系列丛书奉献给大家。

《世纪百年英文经典》向你推荐的是两种习惯,一种叫悦 读,一种叫学习。

阅读实在应该是悦读、尤其是浮躁难安的今天,能有些许闲暇坐下来看点书,为的可是藕断丝连的眷恋,为的是久别胜新婚的激荡——是一种纪念,更是一种开创。靠写书发家的郭敬明说得直白: "读书最多的就是学生群体,工作之后的人都读书很少。"或许,为了悦读而读的人还在一定程度上在某些个犄角旮旯里存在吧。至于那多数为了应试而学的莘莘学子如果能够快乐地读,恐怕也是何乐而不为的吧。

编者虽然在此大声疾呼"悦读",内心却难免惴惴不安,生怕担起东施效颦的骂名。原本希望的只是抛砖引玉,引荐大家像追"FRIENDS"(《六人行》)

一样,勇敢地捧起莎翁的"MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING"(《无事生非》),直把碧翠丝当瑞秋,更像理查德·克莱德曼那样去演绎贝多芬的《命运》——但愿这种惴惴能够在你的心田激起一圈涟漪。

再来说说学习。

学语言,学什么?单就语法规范来说,当然是要学名作家的行文用词。现代汉语的定义就有这么一节"以典范的现代白话文著作为语法规范"。而英语的发展历程远不止于白话文的百年历史,本套丛书收罗的作品也有出于里程碑式的人物之手,如塞缪尔·约翰逊以及乔纳森·斯威夫特,他们对规范英语的作用一如民国时期几位开山鼻祖式的作家对普通话的规范。

怎么学? 虽说"学海无涯苦作舟",但编者认为学习在于平时的点滴积累,而且是简单快乐地积累。摆脱对着书本埋头苦读的套路,不必刻意攻克某部长篇巨著,以愉悦的心态去品尝谐趣的小品文或者充满暖暖温情的故事,相信在悲欢于人物离合和情节跌宕的同时,规范的文法也在不经意间轻松积累起来。

这么想来、《世纪百年英文经典》确是一套值得珍藏的丛书。对于广大学生而言,本丛书能进一步提高英语阅读水平、开阔视野、陶冶个人情操,相比于流连网络、耗费宝贵时光在虚幻的游戏世界里要胜百倍。对于广大英语爱好者而言,本丛书是提高语感、推敲文字、品味名著的好素材。而本丛书更是广大文学爱好者提高文学修养、感悟人生真实道理和悲喜感情的理想读物。

本丛书选编的故事体裁全面、收录的文章广泛、经典、是英语文学 文化长期积累与融合而成的慧果。它们助人思索、得益良多、让英语学 习在阅读的愉悦中成为一种享受。

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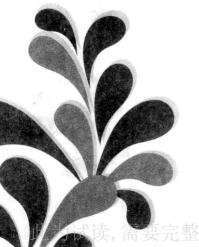
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取忧,他人之艺术非常有必要掌握 不过这实非易事, 几乎不可能将之简单归纳为几条规则。如果你自己能明察 善断,那将远胜于我教。欲立己先达人,这是我所知道的 最有效的办法

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# Christopher Columbus to Gabriel Sanchez

Because my undertakings have attained success, I know that it will be pleasing to you: these I have determined to relate, so that you may be made acquainted with everything done and discovered in this our voyage. On the thirty-third day after I departed from Cadiz, I came to the Indian sea, where I found many islands inhabited by men without number, of all which I took possession for our most fortunate king, with proclaiming heralds and flying standards, no one objecting.

To the first of these I gave the name of the blessed Saviour, on whose aid relying I had reached this as well as the other islands. But the Indians called it Guanahany. I also called each one of the others by a new name. For I ordered one island to be called Santa Maria of the Conception, another Fernandina, another Isabella, another Juana, and so on with the rest.

As soon as we had arrived at that island which I have just now said was called Juana, I proceeded along its coast towards the west for some distance; I found it so large and without perceptible end, that I believed it to be not an island, but the continental country of Cathay; seeing however, no towns or cities situated on the seacoast, but only some villages and rude farms, with whose inhabitants I was unable to converse, because as soon as they saw us they took flight.



# 哥伦布政



在选编的这封信中, 哥 伦布向西班牙财务大臣桑切斯 报告了登陆美洲的所见所闻。 可以说这封信是关干美洲大陆 的第一手文字资料。

因为我的使命已经取得成功, 我知道这会让你 很高兴,我决定(向你)讲述此次航海的所作所为和 所见所闻,以供知悉。自加地斯(西班牙南部海港, 译注) 出发后第三十三天, 我来到了印度洋, 发现了 许多人口无以计数的岛屿。我全都为我们洪福齐天的 皇上占领了, 先行官先行告示, 一路旌旗招展, 无人 阻挡。

在救世主庇佑帮助下, 我来到这里及其他各 岛, 所以我把第一个岛屿命名为救世主(西班牙语为 San Salvador,属于巴哈马群岛,译注),但印度 人(当时哥伦布误以为这些岛屿是印度,译注) 却把 它称为瓜那哈尼岛, 其他诸岛我也一一给它们取了个 新名。我命名一个岛叫妊娠圣母岛,一个叫弗南迪娜 岛,一个叫伊莎贝拉岛,一个叫花娜岛等等。

我们一到我刚才说的叫花娜的岛屿, 我就顺着 海岸向西走了一段。我发现此岛很大,看不到尽头, 因而怀疑它不是一个岛屿, 而是大陆国家加泰(即中 国,译注)。然而沿海未见有城镇,只有一些村落和 粗陋的农舍, 那些居民我无法交谈, 因为他们一见到 我们就逃。



哥伦布 Christopher Columbus, 1451~1506

著名航海家。他 于1492年8月3日自西 班牙南岸向西出发, 同年10月12日抵达巴 哈马群岛,发现了美 洲新大陆。





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I proceeded farther, thinking that I would discover some city or large residences. At length, perceiving that we had gone far enough, that nothing new appeared, and that this way was leading us to the north, which I wished to avoid, because it was winter on the land, and it was my intention to go to the south, moreover the winds were becoming violent, I therefore determined that no other plans were practicable, and so, going back, I returned to a certain bay that I had noticed, from which I sent two of our men to the land, that they might find out whether there was a king in this country, or any cities. These men traveled for three days, and they found people and houses without number, but they were small and without any government, therefore they returned...

This island is surrounded by many very safe and wide harbors, not excelled by any others that I have ever seen. Many great and salubrious rivers flow through it. There are also many very high mountains there. All these islands are very beautiful, and distinguished by various qualities; they are accessible, and full of a great variety of trees stretching up to the stars; the leaves of which I believe are never shed, for I saw them as green and flourishing as they are usually in Spain in the month of May; some of them were blossoming, some were bearing fruit, some were in other conditions; each one was thriving in its own way. The nightingale and various other birds without number were singing, in the month of November, when I was exploring them.

. .

On this island, indeed, and on all the others which I have seen, and of which I have knowledge, the inhabitants of both sexes go always naked, just as they came into the world, except some of the women, who use a covering of a leaf or some **foliage**, or a cotton cloth, which they make themselves for that purpose.

All these people lack, as I said above, every kind of iron; they are also without weapons, which indeed are unknown; nor are they competent to use them, not on account of **deformity** of body, for they are well formed, but because they are timid and full of fear. They carry for weapons, however, **reeds** 



#### Christopher Columbus to Gabriel Sanchez | 哥伦布致桑切斯

我继续往前,想着可以找到城市或较大的居住区。后来,看看走得够远了,也没什么新发现,而且这样的话我们就往北去了,这是我不想的,因为大陆上是冬天,加之我原本打算向南的,且北风日益凛冽,所以我断定其他计划不可行,便回头来到之前留意到的一个海湾。我从这里派了两个人上岸去,打听这个国家有无国王和城市。这两个人走了三天,他们发现了无以计数的人和房屋,但规模不大,又没有政府,所以他们就回来了……

这个岛环绕着许多非常安全和宽敞的港湾,我平生所见过的海港都无法与之媲美。岛上河流众多,极宜居住。还有许多高山。所有这些岛屿都很漂亮,风格各异,海上都可到达。岛上树木参天,种类繁多,树叶我想都是常青的,因为我看它们就像西班牙五月间的树叶那么青翠茂密。有些树鲜花盛开,有些果实累累,又有些还处在其他生长状态,但个个生机勃勃。夜莺以及其他数不胜数的鸟类在我探究的十一月份啾啾鸣啭。

这个岛上以及其他我看到或知晓的岛屿上,男女居民都赤身裸体,一如 刚刚呱呱坠地,只是有一些个妇女会用一片树叶或其他枝叶遮掩一下,或者 是一块为此自制的棉布。

所有这些人如上所述,都没有什么铁器,也没有武器,真是闻所未闻,也没有人会使用武器,并非他们有什么身体缺陷,因为他们个个身材良好,而是因为胆小怕事。然而,他们有时也用在太阳下烤干的芦苇做武器,下端系以磨得尖尖的干木条作为箭头,事实上,他们连这些都不敢常用。因为常有这样的事发生:我有时派两三个手下到一些村子去跟原住民说话,一群印

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salubrious /sə'lju:briəs/ a. 有益健康的
shed /ʃed/ vr. 脱落、脱皮、摆脱
foliage /ˈfəuliidʒ/ n. 树叶、植物
deformity /diˈfɔ:miti/ n. 残缺、畸形、残废、畸形的人或物





baked in the sun, on the lower ends of which they fasten some shafts of dried wood rubbed down to a point; and indeed they do not venture to use these always; for it frequently happened when I sent two or three of my men to some of the villages, that they might speak with the natives, a **compact** troop of the Indians would march out, and as soon as they saw our men approaching, they would quickly take flight, children being pushed aside by their fathers, and fathers by their children. And this was not because any hurt or injury had been inflicted on any one of them, for to every one whom I visited and with whom I was able to converse, I distributed whatever I had, cloth and many other things. no return being made to me; but they are by nature fearful and timid.

Yet when they perceive that they are safe, putting aside all fear, they are of simple manners and trustworthy, and very **liberal** with everything they have, refusing no one who asks for anything they may possess, and even themselves inviting us to ask for things. They show greater love for all others than for themselves; they give valuable things for trifles, being satisfied even with a very small return, or with nothing; however, I forbade that things so small and of no value should be given to them, such as pieces of plate, dishes and glass, likewise keys and shoe straps; although if they were able to obtain these, it seemed to them like getting the most beautiful jewels in the world...

In all these islands there is no difference in the appearance of the people, nor in the manners and language, but all understand each other mutually; a fact that is very important for the end which I suppose to be earnestly desired by our most illustrious king, that is, their conversion to the holy religion of Christ, to which in truth, as far as I can perceive, they are very ready and favorably inclined...

In all these islands, as I have understood, each man is content with only one wife, except the princes or kings, who are permitted to have twenty. The women appear to work more than the men. I was not able to find out surely whether they have individual property, for I saw that one man had the duty of distributing to the others, especially refreshments, food, and things of that