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编者的话

这套美国英语系列阶梯读物所选书籍均为美国 经典文学作品。为了帮助将英语作为第二语言的读 者阅读,美国的一些语言专家在尽量尊重原著的基 础上对它们进行了改编,使书中语言既简练易懂又 符合现代美国英语特点。

本套丛书共分 5 个阶梯,分别用 1000-5000 个 单词编写。

本书属于第二阶梯,即由 2000 个英语单词编写。书中一些单词可能超出这一阶梯水平,我们将这些单词用黑体字表示,并在书后的词汇表中作了注解。

希望读者喜欢这套丛书,并通过阅读不同阶梯的书籍,逐步提高自己的英语水平,最终达到阅读原著的目的。

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《红色英勇勋章》

本书是美国英语系列阶梯读物之一。是用 2000 个英语单词所改写的美国经典文学作品,充分展现了现代美国英语的风格。本书选编了美国著名作家克莱恩的四篇小说。《红色英勇勋章》主要描写了对战争的恐惧心理,是一部心理分析小说。作者善长于表达对立,冲突的效果,写出了讥讽与怜悯,幻想与现实间的紧张关系,以及绝望之中尚存的一线希望的双重情绪。

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Sincerely,

Joseph Duffey

Director

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我代表美国新闻总署祝贺北京师范大学 出版社出版"英语教学文库"图书。

这些书原由美国新闻总署出版。每本书都为学生提供了提高英语知识水平、学习更多的美国文化、习俗和历史的机会。教师会发现这些书是中国中学和大学英语课程教学的有益补充材料。

美国新闻总署致力于中美两国人民之间 的相互了解。中国人民能够有效地用英语交 流、美国人民能够熟练地运用汉语是加深两 国人民相互了解的关键。

本书以及这套丛书的其他书籍将帮助中 国学生准备参与国际商业竞争和从事东西方 文化交流,在这两种活动中英语知识是必不 可少的。

美国新闻总署署长 · 约瑟夫·达菲

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许嘉璐

这套美国《英语教学文库》是美国新闻总 署英语教学部编辑出版的,现在由北京师范 大学出版社在中国出版发行。

读,更可以提高学习的兴趣和效率。

在中国出版这套丛书,是中国英语教学和英语中的一件很有意义的事。随着世界的"缩小",学习母语之外的其它语言,不仅仅是工作生的一个国际,不仅仅是工作。在我是一个国际,不仅仅是工作。在我是一个国际,是一个国际,是一个人。在我们的一个人,学习用书看,成绩是一个人。在我们的事。作为在经验丰富、成绩是再分别,这也将是该社对我国外语教学出版社员,这也将是该社对我国外语教学的人,这也将是该社对我国外语教学的人,这也将是该社对我国外语教学的人,这也将是该社对我国外语教学的人,这也将是该社对我国外语教学的人,这也有一个人。

在我国,第二语言的教学还是一个比较年轻的学科,教材的编写、教学理论的研究都有待加强和提高。这套丛书的出版或许可以对这些方面起到"助威"的作用——从事第二语言教学和研究的,可以从中借鉴美国行的一些经验;至今还没有认识到这一领域的重要的,应该从中看到这一工作的意义和难度。

这套丛书的出版同时也是中美文化交流

的产物。美国新闻总署在中美文化交流方面做过不少工作;北京师范大学也曾出版过不少介绍美国和适合美国人民学习汉语的读本一这次的合作是很自然的,也是对双方都有利的。我希望双方的真诚合作能够不断得到加强,为两国人民的友好交往再做出新的成绩。

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THE OPEN BOAT

None of them knew the color of the sky. Their eyes glanced level, and remained upon the waves that swept toward them. These waves were gray, except for the tops, which were white, and all the men knew the colors of the sea. The line between sky and water narrowed and widened, and fell and rose.

A man likes to take a bath in a bigger area than this boat could provide. These waves were frightfully rapid and tall; and each boiling, white top was a problem in the small boat.

The cook sat in the bottom, and looked with both eyes at the six inches of boat which separated him from the ocean. He had bared his fat arms as he worked to empty the water from the boat. Often he said, "God! That was a bad one." As he remarked it, he always looked toward the east over the rough sea.

The oiler, guiding with one of the two oars in the boat, sometimes raised himself suddenly to keep away from the water that poured in. It was a thin little oar, and it often seemed ready to break.

The correspondent, pulling at the other oar, watched the waves and wondered why he was there.

The hurt captain, lying in the front, was feeling defeat and despair. It was despair that comes, for a time at least, to even the bravest and most enduring when the business fails, the army loses, the ship goes down. The mind of the master of a vessel is rooted deep in her wood, whether he commands for a day or many. And this captain had in his thoughts the firm impression of a scene in the grays of dawn, with seven faces turned down in the sea. And later the remains of the ship, washed by waves, going low and lower and down. Thereafter there was something strange in his voice. Although steady, it was deep with grief, and of a quality beyond speech or tears.

"Keep her a little more south, Billie, "said he.

"A little more south, sir, "said the oiler in the back.

A seat in this boat was not unlike a seat upon a jumpy horse, and a horse is not much smaller. The boat was much like an animal. As each wave came, and she rose for it, she seemed like a horse leaping over a high fence. The manner of her ride