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内容概要

本书从19世纪中期至20世纪中叶，一直被广泛用作美国学校的语文教材，据称有10000多所美国学校拿它当作教材。

到了21世纪，西方一些私立学校（Private

School)和家庭学校（Homeschool）仍用它作为教材，足见这套书的价值与影响力。

据估计，这套书从问世至1960年，至少发行了1.22亿册；1961年后，在西方每年销量仍达30000册以上。

应该说，没有哪一套个人主编的教材能超过此发行量了！

此套读本的英文原版共分七级，包括启蒙读本和第1-6级。

考虑到启蒙读本与第一级篇幅都较少，难易程度也很接近，于是我们将之合并为第1册，其余2-6级与英文原版相同。

这样国内出版的这套读本共包括6册。

第1册从字母表开始，主要侧重于字母的发音与书写、简单的单词与句型，同时强调英文书写，课文后面附有不少书法练习，让孩子们不仅将英语说得像外国人，而且写得也跟外文书法一样，这是国内英语教学所缺少的一个环节。

从第2册开始，均是比较正式的课文，每一课包括词汇和课文，对一些生词有英文解释，让学生学会通过简单英文理解生词，养成用英语理解和思维的习惯。

第5册和第6册的课文前增加了作者简介与相关背景知识，内容丰富而有一定深度。

此套书为在原版本基础上重新修订精装版，后两册字号较之前有所放大，并且修正了原有的错误之处，以方便学生阅读。

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1800年出生于宾夕法尼亚州，1826年毕业于华盛顿大学杰斐逊学院。
在数十年教育生涯中，他曾担任过迈阿密大学语言学教授，俄亥俄大学校长。
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他还帮助组建了俄亥俄州公立学校体系。

早在19世纪初期，麦加菲就意识到，应该给那些孤独的垦荒者和欧洲移民的后代提供普遍的教育，于是他利用自己作为演讲家与教育工作者的天赋，开始为孩子们编写系列教材。
这套教材共7册，从学龄前至第6年级。
他前后花费了20多年的时间才完成全套教材的编写。
这套教材面世后就被美国很多学校选为课本。
在75年间销量高达1.22亿，直到今天仍以各种版本流行于西方，被美国《出版周刊》评为“人类出版史上第三大畅销书”，对美国青年的心灵塑造与道德培养产生了史无前例的影响。

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LESSON 2 JOHNNY'S FIRST SNOWSTORM 乔尼初次见雪 1. Johnny Reed was a little boy who never had seen a snowstorm till he was six years old. Before this, he had lived in a warm country, where the sun shines down on beautiful orange groves, and fields always sweet with flowers. 2. But now he had come to visit his grandmother, who lived where the snow falls in winter. Johnny was standing at the window when the snow came down. 3. “O mamma!

” he cried, joyfully, “do come quick, and see these little white birds flying down from heaven.” 4. “They are not birds, Johnny, ” said mamma, smiling. 5.

“Then maybe the little angels are losing their feathers!

Oh!

do tell me what it is; is it sugar?

Let me taste it, ” said Johnny. But when he tasted it, he gave a little jump-it was so cold. 6.

“That is only snow, Johnny, ” said his mother. 7. “What is snow, mother?

” 8. “The snowflakes, Johnny, are little drops of water that fall from the clouds. But the air through which they pass is so cold it freezes them, and they come down turned into snow.” 9. As she

said this, she brought out an old black hat from the closet. “See, Johnny!

I have caught a snowflake on this hat. Look quick through this glass, and you will see how beautiful it is.”

10. Johnny looked through the glass. There lay the pure, feathery snowflake like a lovely little star. 11.

“Twinkle, twinkle, little star!

” he cried in delight. “Oh!

please show me more snow-flakes, mother.” 12. So his mother caught several more, and they were all beautiful. 13. The next day Johnny had a fine play in the snow, and when he came in, he said,

“I love snow; and I think snowballs are a great deal prettier than oranges.” 【中文阅读】

1. 乔尼 & middot; 瑞德是个小男孩，直到六岁，他才看到暴风雪。

此前，他一直生活在地球的暖热带地区。

在那里，阳光撒满大片美丽的橘树林，田野里到处都是芬芳扑鼻的鲜花。

2. 但是，现在他要去看望奶奶，那里的冬天常会下雪。

每当雪花纷飞的时候，乔尼就会站在窗前定睛观望。

3. 他高兴地大喊：“妈妈，快过来，瞧，这些白色的小鸟从天堂飞下来了。

” 4. 妈妈笑着对他说：“乔尼，那不是小鸟。

” 5.“那么，可能是小天使掉落的羽毛吧！

哦，快告诉我，那是什么，是糖吗？

我想尝一下。

”乔尼说。

但是，就在品尝雪花时，他不禁惊跳起来--太凉了。

6. 妈妈说：“那不过是雪而已，乔尼。

” 7.“妈妈，雪是什么？

” 8.“乔尼，雪就是从云彩上掉落的小水滴。

但是，水滴从天上掉下来时，寒冷的空气将它们凝结住了，所以变成了从天而降的雪花。

” 9. 她一边说着，一边从壁橱里取出一顶黑色的旧帽子。

“看，乔尼！

我用帽子接住了一片雪花。

透过这块玻璃，你就知道雪花有多么美了。

” 10. 乔尼透过玻璃看着雪花，那片纯净轻柔的雪花就像一颗可爱的小星星。

11.“哇，小星星还一闪一闪的呢！

妈妈，再让我多看点雪花吧！

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”乔尼欢呼起来。

12. 于是，妈妈又抓住了一些雪花，都是那么漂亮！

13. 第二天，乔尼在雪地里开心地玩耍，从外面回家后，他说：“我太喜欢雪了，雪球可比橘子好玩多了。

” LESSON 3 LET IT RAIN 下雨吧 1. Rose. See how it rains !

Oh dear , dear , dear !

how dull it is !

Must I stay in doors all day ?

2. Father. Why , Rose , are you sorry that you had any bread and butter for breakfast , this morning ?

3. Rose. Why , father , what a question !

I should be sorry , indeed , if I could not get any. 4. Father. Are you sorry , my daughter , when you see the flowers and the trees growing in the garden ?

5. Rose. Sorry ?

No , indeed. Just now , I wished very much to go out and see them , -they look so pretty. 6. Father. Well , are you sorry when you see the horses , cows , or sheep drinking at the brook to quench their thirst ?

7. Rose. Why , father , you must think I am a cruel girl , to wish that the poor horses that work so hard , the beautiful cows that give so much nice milk , and the pretty lambs should always be thirsty. 8. Father. Do you not think they would die , if they had no water to drink ?

9. Rose. Yes , sir , I am sure they would. How shocking to think of such a thing !

10. Father. I thought little Rose was sorry it rained. Do you think the trees and flowers would grow , if they never had any water on them ?

11. Rose. No , indeed , father , they would be dried up by the sun. Then we should not have any pretty flowers to look at , and to make wreaths of for mother. 12. Father. I thought you were sorry it rained. Rose , what is our bread made of ?

13. Rose. It is made of flour , and the flour is made from wheat , which is ground in the mill. 14. Father. Yes , Rose , and it was rain that helped to make the wheat grow , and it was water that turned the mill to grind the wheat. I thought little Rose was sorry it rained. 15. Rose. I did not think of all these things , father. I am truly very glad to see the rain falling. 【中文阅读】 1. 罗斯：瞧，又下雨了！

唉，天哪，天哪，天哪！

多么无聊呀！

难道我一整天都要待在家里？

2. 爸爸：罗斯，今天的早餐多么丰盛呀，有面包和奶油。

你为什么不高兴呢？

3. 罗斯：为什么，爸爸，您怎么这样问呀！

如果我没事可干，的确不高兴呀。

4. 爸爸：亲爱的女儿，当你看到花园里盛开的鲜花和茂密的树木时，也会不高兴吗？

5. 罗斯：不高兴？

应该不会吧。

刚才，我只是希望能出去看看它们--它们实在太美了。

6. 爸爸：好吧，当你看到小牛、小羊、小马在溪边饮水解渴时，也会不高兴吗？

7. 罗斯：为什么，爸爸，您一定认为我是一个冷酷无情的小女孩，总希望那些可怜的小马不知疲惫地工作，希望那些漂亮的小牛只会产奶，希望那些可爱的小羊总会口渴。

8. 爸爸：它们若没有水喝就会死掉，难道你不这样认为吗？

9. 罗斯：是的，现在，我也是这么想的。

一想到这些事，多么可怕呀！

10. 爸爸：我以为小罗斯因为下雨而不高兴了。

如果没有水滴落到它们身上，树木花草还会长大吗？

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这些你想过没有？

11. 罗斯：它们不会长大了，爸爸。

它们会被太阳烤干的。

那么，我们也就看不到美丽的鲜花，不能给妈妈编织花环了。

12. 爸爸：我以为你会因为下雨而伤心呢。

罗斯，我们吃的面包是由什么做成的？

13. 罗斯：是由面粉做的，面粉是由麦子通过磨而制成的。

14. 爸爸：是的，罗斯，正是雨水促使小麦成熟，也正是水使磨盘碾碎了麦子。

我还以为小罗斯不喜欢下雨呢。

15. 罗斯：爸爸，我没有想过这么多事情。

我真的很高兴看到下雨了。

LESSON 4 CASTLE-BUILDING 建造城堡 1. "O pussy !

"cried Herbert , in a voice of anger and dismay , as the blockhouse he was building fell in sudden ruin.

The playful cat had rubbed against his mimic castle , and tower and wall went rattling down upon the floor. 2.

Herbert took up one of the blocks and threw it fiercely at pussy. Happily , it passed over her and did no harm. His hand was reaching for another block , when his little sister Hetty sprang toward the cat , and caught her up.

3. "No , no , no !

"said she , "you sha'n't hurt pussy !

She didn't mean to do it !

" 4. Herbert's passion was over quickly , and , sitting down upon the floor , he covered his face with his hands , and began to cry. 5. "What a baby !

"said Joe , his elder brother , who was reading on the sofa. "Crying over spilled milk does no good. Build it up again." 6. "No , I won't , "said Herbert , and he went on crying.

7. "What's all the trouble here ?

"exclaimed papa , as he opened the door and came in. 8. "Pussy just rubbed against Herbert's castle , and it fell down , "answered Hetty. "But she didn't mean to do it ; she didn't know it would fall , did she , papa ?

" 9. "Why , no !

And is that all the trouble ?

" 10. "Herbert !

"his papa called , and held out his hands. "Come." The little boy got up from the floor , and came slowly , his eyes full of tears , and stood by his father. 11. "There is a better way than this , my boy , "said papa. "If you had taken that way , your heart would have been light already. I

should have heard you singing over your blocks instead of crying. Shall I show you that way ?

" 12. Herbert nodded his head , and papa sat down on the floor by the pile of blocks , with his little son by his side , and began to lay the foundation for a new castle. ……

媒体关注与评论

这套书不仅影响了美国的教育事业，也影响了美国的伦理道德。
诚如历史学家孔玛格所言：“它们为美国儿童提供了当今明显缺乏的东西，即普遍的引喻知识、普遍的经验 and 自制意识。”
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这套由美国著名教育家、俄亥俄大学校长威廉·H·麦加菲花费20多年时间倾心主编，至1920年累计销量便高达1.22亿册，是美国最畅销的语文课本，被《时代周刊》评为“人类出版史上第三大畅销书”。

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