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内容概要

本书依据教育部颁布的《大学英语课程教学要求（2007修订版）》编写，旨在增强学生自主学习能力，寓学于快乐阅读，提高综合文化素养，以适应社会发展和国际交流的需要，阅读名篇均选自于国内外出版的人文名篇以及互联网，为学生呈现地道、经典的英语语料，使其在提高阅读水平的同时，提升人文素养。

本书全书由希腊罗马神话名篇选读、圣经名篇选读、英美文化名篇选读、其他文化名篇选读四章、47篇中西方文化经典阅读材料组成，语料题材丰富，难易度适中，使学生乐读、爱读，读有所成。本教材使用对象为高等院校非英语专业和英语专业基础阶段学生、研究生及英语爱好者。

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Some old people are oppressed by the fear of death. In the young there is a justification for this feeling. Young men who have reason to fear that they will be killed in battle may justifiably feel bitter in the thought that they have been cheated of the best things that life has to offer. But in an old man who has known human joys and sorrows, and has achieved whatever work it was in him to do, the fear of death is somewhat abject and ignoble. The best way to overcome it - so at least it seems to me - is to make your interests gradually wider and more impersonal, until bit by bit the walls of the ego recede, and your life becomes increasingly merged in the universal life. An individual human existence should be like a river - small at first, narrowly contained within its banks, and rushing passionately past rocks and over waterfalls. Gradually the river grows wider, the banks recede, the waters flow more quietly, and in the end, without any visible break, they become merged in the sea, and painlessly lose their individual being. The man who, in old age, can see his life in this way, will not suffer from the fear of death, since the things he cares for will continue. And if, with the decay of vitality, weariness increases, the thought of rest will not be unwelcome. I should wish to die while still at work, knowing that others will carry on what I can no longer do and content in the thought that what was possible has been done.

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