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内容概要

《富兰克林自传(英文)》的出版具有划时代的意义。

它在1771年动笔，1788年完成，前后历时17年之久。

这位饱经风霜的老人，以拉家常的方式，把自己成功的经验和失败的教训娓娓道来，整部自传既无哗众取宠之状，也无盛气凌人之势，在通俗易懂的叙述中不仅有睿智和哲理的火花，且全书文字朴素幽默，使人备感亲切，《富兰克林自传》开创了美国传记文学的优良传统，从此，自传成为一种新的文学体裁。

《富兰克林自传(英文)》为英语版，供广大英语爱好者阅读学习。

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作者简介

作者：(美国)富兰克林(Benjamin Franklin)

本杰明·富兰克林 (Benjamin

Franklin) (1706-1790)——资本主义精神最完美的代表，十八世纪美国最伟大的科学家和发明家、著名的政治家、外交家、哲学家、文学家和航海家以及美国独立战争的伟大领袖。

他一生最真实的写照是他自己所说过的一句话“ 诚实和勤勉，应该成为你永久的伴侣。

”。

富兰克林是举世公认的现代文明之父、美国人的象征。

他的代表作有《穷查理年鉴》、《富兰克林自传》等。

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seeing inconveniences in that, it was finally concluded on as a better way, to let it be printed for the future under the name of Benjamin Franklin; and to avoid the censure of the Assembly that might fall on him as still printing it by his apprentice, the contrivance was that my old indenture should be returned to me, with a full discharge on the back of it, to be shown on occasion, but to secure to him the benefit of my service, I was to sign new indentures for the remainder of the term, which were to be kept private. A very flimsy scheme it was; however, it was immediately executed, and the paper went on accordingly, under my name for several months. At length, a fresh difference arising between my brother and me, I took upon me to assert my freedom, presuming that he would not venture to produce the new indentures. It was not fair in me to take this advantage, and this I therefore reckon one of the first errata of my life; but the unfairness of it weighed little with me, when under the impressions of resentment for the blows his passion too often urged him to bestow upon me, though he was otherwise not an ill-natured man: perhaps I was too saucy and provoking. When he found I would leave him, he took care to prevent my getting employment in any other printing house of the town, by going round and speaking to every master, who accordingly refused to give me work. I then thought of going to New York, as the nearest place where there was a printer; and I was rather inclined to leave Boston when I reflected that I had already made myself a little obnoxious to the governing party, and, from the arbitrary proceedings of the Assembly in my brother's case, it was likely it might, if I stayed, soon bring myself into scrapes; and further, that my indiscrete disputations about religion began to make me pointed at with horror by good people as an infidel or atheist. I determined on the point, but my father now siding with my brother, I was sensible that, if I attempted to go openly, means would be used to prevent me. My friend Collins, therefore, undertook to manage a little for me. He agreed with the captain of a New York sloop for my passage, under the notion of my being a young acquaintance of his that had got a naughty girl with child, whose friends would compel me to marry her, and therefore I could not appear or come away publicly.

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