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内容概要

这是根据实际教学的需要而编写的一本高等院校英语选修课的教科书，它的编写旨在为学生提供一些欧美文化方面的信息和知识。

它是学生们了解欧美文化的一本很好的教学用书，不但能帮助学习者学习和掌握欧美文化方面的基础知识，而且也能提高他们的语言能力和英语表达水平及综合水平。

本书由25个单元构成，每单元4个Reading Passages，共计100篇短文。

在每个Reading Passage的后面都设有词汇表、注释和句子翻译或阅读理解练习。

这些文章的内容包括西方的精神追求、价值观念、议事方式、知识背景、科技和艺术等方面的情况和成就以及一些综合知识等等。

书本的选材以欧美文化为主干，侧重美国文化，都是一些适合教学的质量高的文章，对培养学生的语言修养和文学素质、塑造完美人格、增强跨文化交际意识和文化鉴赏能力都有促进作用。

该书具有知识性、系统性、科学性、时代性、趣味性、新颖性和可读性等，方便教与学、思考和掌握。

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Italy is one of Europe's most complex and alluring destinations. A modern, industrialized nation, with an artistic and architectural legacy that few other countries can rival, it's also a Mediterranean country with a Southern European sensibility, where traditional attitudes still prevail. Thriving small businesses contribute to strong regional identities, helping Italy avoid some of the bland effects of globalization. In towns and villages all over the country, life grinds to a halt in the middle of the day for a long lunch, and is strongly family-oriented, with an emphasis on the traditions of the Catholic Church, which, notwithstanding a growing skepticism among the country's youth, still dominates people's lives. Above all, Italy provokes reaction. Its people are rarely indifferent, and on one and the same day you might encounter the kind of disdain dished out to tourist masses everywhere and an hour later be treated to embarrassingly generous hospitality. If there is a single national characteristic, it's to embrace life to the full: in the hundreds of local festivals taking place across the country on any given day, to celebrate a saint or the local harvest; in the importance placed on good food; in the obsession with clothes and image; and above all in the daily domestic ritual of the collective evening stroll or passeggiata—a sociable affair celebrated by young and old alike in every town and village across the country. Italy is a peninsula, shaped rather like a boot, jutting out into the Mediterranean Sea. It covers a surface area of 301,230 square km and includes the islands of Sicily and Sardinia. The distance from the tip of the country's "toe" to its northern border is about 1380 km. Much of the land is mountainous, the highest point being Mont Blanc (4748m) in the north. Italy's population is nearly 58 million, with around 3 million living in the capital, Rome. The dominant ethnic group is Italian, with small clusters of German-, French- and Slovene-Italians in the north and Albanian- and Greek-Italians in the south. There is also a growing Muslim immigrant community.

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