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《美国文学导读》是根据外语教学与研究出版社出版、吴伟仁教授主编的《美国文学史及选读》（第1、2册）而编写的学习指导用书。

该书每章由美国文学各个时期背景知识、作家创作生涯、主要作品的概要和点评、代表作品艺术特色分析四个部分构成。

该书分别从《美国文学史及选读》（第1、2册）涉及的背景知识、主要作家代表作的主题思想、人物性格刻画、象征与隐喻、写作风格、作品章节等方面进行了全面的分析和解读，为跨进美国文学殿堂的人们提供快捷的通道，使他们在较短的时间内了解美国文学的精华。

通过阅读该书，学生不仅能了解和认识美国文学史上一些较有影响的作家的创作倾向、思想方法、在文学史上的地位和成就以及对本国文学乃至世界文学所产生的影响等等，而且能初步掌握一些名家的代表作品的思想意义、文学价值、写作手法、语言技巧等，为他们毕业后的考研、教学、研究打下一定的基础。

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12. 2. 2 Summary of Moby.Dick (Chapter 54) This story is as told at the Golden Inn by Ishmael some time after the voyage on the Pequod. The Pequod encounters the Town-Ho, manned almost wholly by Polynesians that, during a gale, gave the Pequod strong news of Moby Dick. Ishmael tells the story by the Town-Ho as he would later tell it at Lima to a circle of Spanish friends. He tells how the Town-Ho had been stabbed, presumably by a swordfish, and was taking on water, but would have reached port safely if not for the brutal overbearing of Radney, the mate, and Steelkilt, a Lakeman from Buffalo. Radney becomes concerned as the Town-Ho takes on more water, for he is naturally nervous and cowardly. He also has a large investment in the ship. Steelkilt mocks Radney for his concern over the ship. Radney orders Steelkilt to sweep the deck of the ship, but he refuses to do so. The conflict between Radney and Steelkilt nearly leads to a mutiny, as the captains threaten to have the crew flogged for disobeying. Nearly a dozen of the mutineers are locked in the bottom of the ship, but most surrender, leaving Steelkilt with only several supporters. Steelkilt convinces them to burst out of their hole and rum amuck in order to seize the ship. Radney quells this uprising by Steelkilt, who plans his revenge. The Town-Ho comes upon Moby Dick just as Steelkilt is ready to attack again. When Moby Dick attacks, he crushes Radney between his jaws. The Town-Ho escapes and reaches her port where many desert the ship. The ship's company calls upon the Islanders to assist. Steelkilt finds his way to Tahiti and finds two ships about to sail for France.

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