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前言

Time really does fly—30 years have whizzed by since 1978. The few big events which occurred that long ago, namely the matriculation of the first group of university students after the restoration of the national college entrance examination, the great discussion on practice as the sole criterion for testing truth, the reversal of the verdict on the 1976 Tian'anmen Incident, the fixing of farm output quotas for each household at Xiaogang Village of Fengyang County, Anhui Province, and especially the convening of the Third Plenary Session of the CPC's Eleventh Central Committee, all remain as fresh in my mind as if they had occurred only yesterday. This has been the most vibrant period of Chinese history, during which the Chinese people have gradually expanded their living space, development opportunities and all kinds of rights and benefits. Thanks to the country's opening and reform policies, we have eliminated poverty, begun living a relatively comfortable life and, after decades or even centuries of self-isolation, China has gradually re-merged into the world community.

内容概要

During these past 30 years, China has undergone profound changes in all its areas of endeavor. This book is intended to trace the lives of ordinary Chinese people against the backdrop of the political as well as economic reforms and the sweeping changes in the economic sector of Chinese society. All the transformations are observed from the detailed aspects of personal lives, enabling readers to better understand the achievements and benefits of the reforms. Being part of all that has happened over all these years, I have hardly stopped recollecting, witnessing and pondering. There is, indeed, a reservoir of memorable, soul-stirring tales to share. Although I may not agree with all the authors of this assortment of articles, they arouse a genuine feeling of "returning" to life itself with all its details and "commonplace" occurrences. However, this sort of returning does not make us any less happy or proud to be living in such a great era. I believe that readers will feel the same - you will admit that the book is more than worth reading although you may not agree with some statements and perspectives in it.

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The state-run Shijiazhuang Paper Mill had come to the brink of bankruptcy in 1984 and planned to contract itself out to a capable person who could turn in 170,000 yuan in annual profits to the mill. At that time, China's reform gradually shifted its focus from the countryside to the cities and was taking place in all sectors, including industry, commerce, science and technology, and education. Earning 170,000 yuan in annual profits was by no means easy for a state-run mill in deficit. For some time, there was no response to the effort to recruit such an individual. The then sales director Ma Shengli finally stood up and said, "Isn't there anyone who dares to sign the 170,000 yuan contract? I do. Moreover, I will ensure 700,000 yuan in profits and double the pay of our workers in my first year of the contract. Should I fail to do so, I would have no complaints about any legal ramifications. "An annual turnover of 700,000 yuan to the state was an enormous figure. Some took it as a joke and most considered that Ma Shengli was simply bragging. After Ma eventually took on the contract with the Shijiazhuang Paper Mill, he erected a 1.5-meter-high board at the gate of the mill, inscribed with the words "Mill Manager Ma Shengli." Ma fulfilled his promise by earning 1.4 million yuan in profits in the first year of his contract. This created a media sensation in the early years of China's reform and opening-up. The Xinhua News Agency's report "Good Mill Manager Ma Shengli Always Bearing in Mind the Interests of the Country and People" was carried in the major newspapers of the Communist Party of China.

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《30年30人(英文版)》讲述了The ancients said: "Thirty years is one generation; predestined kings only succeed after thirty years through a benevolent reign." It is right to ex- pound the glorious course of China' s 30 years of reforms and opening-up. We believe that the best way to com- prehend a period of history is to pro- vide a record of the lives of various people in this period. To keep these memories alive, on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the re- forms and opening-up, we have com- piled and published this book which truly and visually reflects the trans- formation of China' s society over the past 30 years. It is said that the profound changes to Chinese society resulting from China's economic development dur- ing the past 30 years have exceeded those throughout the previous several thousand years. This remark is very interesting. Maybe it is improper to oversimplify the differences between periods of history, but the experiences acquired and accomplishments made in our successful transformation from the socialist planned economic system to the market economic system are evidently unparalleled. In fact, it is a constituent part of history. So long as we continue to be blessed with a broad vision, an open mindset and the entre- preneurial sprit of the past 30 years, China will amaze the world by creat- ing even more miracles during the next 30 years. Despite hardships, we will remain true to our beliefs.

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