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前言

When Shanghai Wave held a literary contest in the genre of "new urban fiction", I thought seriously about what "new urban fiction" means. Why is it called "new"?

How does it compare with traditional urban fiction?

And how do we define "oldurban fiction"?

Hepburn Shoes on the Double Decker is a collection of urbanfiction stories from 2008 and will be published in a book. Someof the stories have been printed by the magazine and havedrawn critical reviews, quite favorably. Because I get every issue of Shanghai Wave, I have read someof these stories. To publish this book, I read them once again. Then, it dawned on me that the characters depicted in thesestories are either Chinese returning from overseas studies or company employees or young entrepreneurs. These urbanwhite-collars are pursuing their dreams of career, love, marriage and family life. They are individuals of a new century, well-educated, well-paid, living a fast-paced city life, and influenced by the clash of Eastern and Western cultures. Theirvalues and morals differ from tradition and from those of ordinary youths.

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内容概要

Many people may ask, "what is new urban fiction?

"In fact, although Chinese literature has flourished after the country embarked on reform and opening, only a small percentage of thevast number of literary works touch on the life of urban whitecollars who are the driving force of todays cities. These youngpeople and student-turned entrepreneurs live a colorful life in Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen and other cities, but they look palein many fictions. In that sense, our literature has to reflect a constantly changing society.

All the works contained in this book are prize-winning "newurban fiction" stories selected by Shanghai Wave a literary and life magazine followed the style of New Yorker for Chinese whitecollars, in recent two years.

Reading these unique and vivid stories, we can feel that theseoffice workers, no matter where they are, at home or in office, in abar or a cafG have inner conflict under a placid countenance. Theirpains and struggle are beyond many peoples imagination and their pursuit of success and true love is not well understood and accepted. The life of urban white-collars is as colorful as is theirinner world. This perhaps is the main feature of todays Chinesecity life.

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章节摘录

插图: Huang Yezi was degraded. Zhang Yuan criticized her, "Why did you seekface with them? You are different." She felt grieved; she didn't want to seekface, but she herself cared much about face. The general manager always changed his plans. When the employees ex-ecuted his original tasks, he himself often changed into another scheme. It washard for the employees to adjust tasks. Things like this were numerous. Tocompletely solve the problem, the employees had to make dialogues with thegeneral manager. The executive manager stealthily held a meeting to discussthe countermeasures. In the meeting the "allies" were all vying to criticize thegeneral manager, but no one wanted to stand out. Everybody knew that thedialogue was, in fact, a confrontation. At last, the attendees recommended Huang Yezi to play this role. The executive manager agreed. Between the executive manager and the general manager, between gainsand losses, she was face a choice. Huang Yezi didn't find an excuse to decline. She accepted the role out ofher conscience and responsibility instead of coercion. Since her childhood, shehad been distinctive from other girls. She was born to be as person who haddeep-seated heroic spirit, great responsibility, and high esteem on collectivehonor. All these set her apart, and brought her mishaps. When she was atuniversity, she stood out for her class because of the unjust judgment in agame of a referee, and regained the due rank, but angered other classes, andcaused ironies from her own classmates. This made her disheartened. Shevowed not to be silly again. But when the similar thing happened, she wouldalways forget the past.

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