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### 前言

初学英语时，只要用功就能见成效，但是达到一定水平后，就很难再有一个质的飞跃和突破。国学大师季羨林先生曾就此现象，有过生动比喻：学习外语的人好像是一群鲤鱼，在外语的龙门下浮游，如果跳不过去龙门，他就是一条“鲤鱼”，而永远成不了外语的“龙”。怎样跳过龙门，成为外语的“龙”呢？国内许多著名英语教育学家都一致认为：学习语言必须了解其国家政治、经济、文化、历史、地理等诸方面，因为语言与生活习惯、思维方式、历史习俗、社会事件、经济发展息息相关。由此可见，跨越英语的“龙门”的关键是知其风俗，通其文化，懂其历史。

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### 内容概要

本书根据我国英语教学的实际状况和学生的学习特点，以全新的视角，全面、系统、深入浅出地介绍了英国、澳大利亚国家的人文、地理、历史、政治、经济、教育等主要方面，并就其各国的特点有所偏重。

书中的每个章节都以英语正文、经典评述、记忆测试和中文要义等部分组成，从而真正意义上实现了教学互动、自主学习和为我所用的教学新理念，是一本集开阔英语国家视野和提高英语水平的多功能教材。

本书可供在校的大中专院校学生、研究生和在职工作人员学习使用。

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The Tudors reigned from 1485 until 1603. The five sovereigns of the Tudor dynasty are among the most well-known figures in Royal history. Of Welsh origin, Henry VII succeeded in ending the Wars of the Roses between the houses of Lancaster and York to found the highly successful Tudor house. Henry VII, his son Henry VIII and his three children Edward VI, Mary I and Elizabeth I ruled for 118 eventful years. During this period, England developed into one of the leading European colonial powers, with men such as Sir Walter Raleigh taking part in the conquest of the New World. Nearer to home, campaigns in Ireland brought the country under strict English control. Culturally and socially, the Tudor period saw many changes. The Tudor court played a prominent part in the cultural Renaissance taking place in Europe, nurturing all-round individuals such as William Shakespeare, Edmund Spenser and Cardinal Wolsey. The Tudor period also saw the turbulence of two changes of official religion, resulting in the martyrdom of many innocent believers of

both Protestantism and Roman Catholicism. The fear of Roman Catholicism induced by the Reformation was to last for several centuries and to play an influential role in the history of the Succession. Henry VII (1485 ~ 1509)

Henry VII was the founder of the Tudor dynasty, unifying the warring factions in the Wars of the Roses. Although supported by Lancastrians and Yorkists alienated by Richard III's usurpation, Henry VII's first task was to secure his position. In 1486 he married Elizabeth of York, eldest daughter of Edward IV, thus uniting the Houses of York and Lancaster.

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