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内容概要

这是一个属于海盗的时代，是个“年轻人渴望冒险，国王们渴望领土和财富”的大航海时代。新大陆的发现勾起了人们对于财富的疯狂欲望。

正是在这个时代，人类的航海业达到了空前的高峰，美洲海盗业也达到了历史的巅峰。他们的盛衰荣辱、他们的罪恶与传奇，都成为那个“海盗的黄金时代”不可分割的组成部分。因此，要了解海盗的历史，就必须关注美洲海盗这一重要力量。

美国作家弗兰克·斯塔顿（Frank R. Stockton）（1834~1902）的作品《美洲海盗》（Buccaneers and Pirates of our coasts）是对这一时期美洲海盗史的真实再现。

作者以第一人称的手法通过历史纪实的方式，讲述了大小不一、各具特色的17名海盗的传奇经历。从美洲海盗的先驱——发现新大陆的哥伦布和剿灭西班牙无敌舰队的英国皇家海盗德雷克，到具有绅士和文人气质的海盗作家约翰·埃斯奎默林和德·路桑，从海盗巨头“黑胡子”蒂奇、残暴者摩根、藏宝大盗基德。

到海盗新手邦尼特，我们从他们身上不仅看到了海盗们粗野无礼、凶猛强悍、野蛮血腥的一面，同时也看到了他们勇于探索、坚毅果敢、顽强无畏，甚至是温情人性的一面。

这些各具特色的海盗故事为人们揭开了海盗世界的神秘面纱，也反映了当时“弱肉强食”的社会现实。

美洲海盗从产生的那一天起，就具有独特的个性特点和鲜明的时代色彩。

第一批在美洲海域闻名遐迩的海盗是著名的巴肯尼亚海盗（buccaneer），他们的名字来自法语单词buccaneer，意为“熏牛肉的人”。

起初这些人从英、法、荷兰等国到达美洲并非为了抢劫，而仅仅是为寻找正当合法的生财之路。

他们老实本分地从事猎杀熏烤野牛的贸易。

但却遭到西班牙殖民者的横加阻挠与破坏。

为此这些“海盗性的冒险家”便团结协作，共同结成了“海岸线上的兄弟”般的情谊，大肆劫掠破坏西班牙的商业贸易。

自此一个属于海盗的时代便缓缓拉开了帷幕。

彼得大帝（Peter the Great）、皮埃尔·弗朗克斯（Pierre Francois）和葡萄牙人巴瑟勒米（Bartholemy Portuguez）等人便是这一时期最为典型的代表。

然而。

如果说美洲海盗是在西班牙人暴虐凶残的迫害下催生出来的话，那么。

促使美洲海盗业繁荣发展的一个重要原因则是由各国的利益竞争引发的对海上霸权的明争暗斗。

各国政府甚至以发行“特许证”的形式鼓励私人船只攻劫敌国商船，以获得战利品采从中渔利。

致使私掠船成为各国争霸海洋的工具，为海盗行为合法化提供了重要的政治保障。

有了这一保障，海盗活动更加猖獗泛滥，其足迹不但遍及美洲各个海域，而且深入到内陆每一个富庶的城镇。

海盗业也迎来了空前繁荣的盛世。

弗朗西斯·列奥洛诺斯（Francis L' Olonnois）和亨利·摩根（Henry Morgan）便是这一时期涌现出的海盗巨头。

但是。

随着各国海军力量的增强和各国势力范围的重新划分，私掠船在各国的存在价值逐步降低。

此时，这些曾为国家卖命的海盗们不再受到欢迎和容忍，而成为制约国家经济发展的巨大阻力。

为此他们便由被国家利用的雇佣兵沦为被抛弃的牺牲品，转而成为各国打击的对象。

海盗们便像被驱散的黄蜂，以更加强劲的攻势和更加狂暴凶险的杀伤力。

直接把矛头指向了各个国家，包括本国在内的所有船舰。

“黑胡子”蒂奇（Black beard Thatch）、斯蒂德·邦尼特（Stede Bonnet）、理查德·沃尔利（Richard Worley）、简·拉斐特（Jean Lafitte）和基德船长（Captain Kidd）等是这一时期极富盛名的海盗首领。

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在东西方文化中，海盗和航海题材一直是兼具梦幻与现实的一个篇章。那些神秘罪恶的海盗总能在人们的心里留下难以磨灭的痕迹。遥想当年那些海洋劫掠者们驾船搏杀的雄姿。那深邃浩淼的神秘海洋见证了他们曾经的辉煌。如今。斯人已逝，唯有那激人遐想的传奇故事至今仍飘荡在风中。那么，就让我们一同走进这海阔天空的海盗世界吧！

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书籍目录

大胆勇猛的海盗美洲海盗的鼻祖海盗学徒彼得大帝珍珠港湾的海盗葡萄牙大盗巴瑟勒米历险记不会游泳的海盗巴瑟勒米重整旗鼓，再度出击海盗作家巴西人洛克的故事海盗业的黄金时代“海洋屠夫”列奥洛诺斯起死回生的海盗大开杀戒公平的报应海盗之王摩根受助于一些教徒海盗的结局摩根的艰难处境高尚的海盗绅士美洲海盗的转变黑胡子船长登上历史舞台海盗魔王终成剑下鬼黑色骷髅旗下的绅士邦尼特再度崛起沙洲之战六个星期的海盗生涯两个女海盗的故事墨西哥湾海盗藏宝大盗基德船长真实的基德船长

章节摘录

FROM the very earliest days of history there have been pirates , and it is , therefore , not at all remarkable that , in the early days of the history of this continent , sea robbers should have made themselves prominent; but the buccaneers of America differed in many ways from those pirates with whom the history of the old world has made us acquainted. It was very seldom that an armed vessel set out from a European port for the express purpose of robbery in American waters. At first nearly all noted buccaneers were traders. But the circumstances which surrounded them in the new world made of them pirates whose evil deeds have never been surpassed in any part of the globe. These unusual circumstances and amazing temptations do not furnish an excuse for the exceptionally wicked careers of the early American pirates; but we are bound to remember these causes or we could not understand the records of the settlement of the West Indies. The buccaneers were fierce and reckless fellows who pursued their daring occupation because it was profitable , because they had learned to like it , and because it enabled them to effect a certain amount of violence upon the common enemy. But we must not assume that they inaugurated the piratical conquests and warfare which existed so long upon our eastern coasts. Before the buccaneers began their careers , there had been great masters of piracy who had opened their schools in the Caribbean Sea; and in order that the condition of affairs in this country during parts of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries may be clearly understood , we will consider some of the very earliest noted pirates of the West Indies. When we begin a judicial inquiry into the condition of our fellow beings , we should try to be as polite as we can , but we must be just; consequently a man's fame and position must not turn us aside , when we are acting as historical investigators. Therefore , we shall be bold and speak the truth , and although we shall take off our hats and bow very respectfully , we must still assert that Christopher Columbus was the first who practiced piracy in American waters. When he sailed with his three little ships to discover unknown lands , he was an authorized explorer for the court of Spain , and was bravely sailing forth with an honest purpose , and with the same regard for law and justice as is possessed by any explorer of the present day. But when he discovered some unknown lands , rich in treasure and outside of all legal restrictions , the views and ideas of the great discoverer gradually changed. Being now beyond the boundaries of civilization , he also placed himself beyond the boundaries of civilized law. Robbery , murder , and the destruction of property , by the commanders of naval expeditions , who have no warrant or commission for their conduct , is the same as piracy , and when Columbus ceased to be a lawful explorer , and when , against the expressed wishes of the royal persons who had sent him out on this expedition , he began to ruin the countries he had discovered , and to kill their peaceful natives and make them into slaves , then he became a master in piracy , from whom the buccaneers afterward learned many a valuable lesson.

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《6500词床头灯英语学习读本：海盗（英汉对照）》特色： 难度适中：市面上大多数英语读物，要么难度过低，近似于中学水平的简写本；要么过于艰深，读者只好“知难而退”。对于中高级英语学习者而言，难度适中的英语读物的匮乏，实在是他们英语水平进一步提高的一大障碍。

本套读物用英语中核心6500词写成，对于难词均有注释，使你躺在床上不用翻词典就能顺利地读下去，在不知不觉中走向英语自由境界。

语言地道：美国作家执笔，用流畅的现代英语写成，并保留了原著的语言特色。

选材经典：皆为一生中不可不读的作品，读之可提高英语水平、积淀西方文化和深入了解西方世界。

情节曲折：让你徜徉在一个又一个迥异奇妙的书中世界。

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