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### 前言

走进英语文学的宝库，如同置身于浩瀚的大海。若想领略其中的美妙，仍需读者亲身去遨游和探索。俗话说，“工欲善其事，必先利其器”，若想充分理解和欣赏英语文学宝库中的瑰宝，首先应当掌握一些最基本的阅读技能。

正是基于这种考虑，本书在第一部分首先以通俗易懂的英语及全新的方式讲解英语文学阅读的基本技能和方法，帮助读者提高学习及欣赏英语文学作品的能力和水平。

在第二部分，为了让读者将所学的技能和方法付诸实践，本书精选了十篇具有代表性的当代著名作家的短篇小说。

这些作品内涵丰富、寓意深刻，不但用语精辟生动、通俗易懂，而且时代感强，涉及当今社会民众现实生活的方方面面。

通过这些作品，不但可以学习真正意义上的现代英语，了解当代西方的风俗文化及思维方式，还可以管中窥豹，了解当今西方作家的流派及各具特色的创作思想、风格和艺术。

每篇小说后面不但有作者介绍，而且还提出一些问题来引导和帮助读者理解、思考、回味与交流，从而激发阅读与学习英语文学作品的兴趣，取得最佳的学习效果。

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He based his persuasive reasoning on two books which a Missis-sippi clergyman of some erudition had brought to his attention. The first was Philip Gosse , an English writer, who argued simply that there were fossils, yes, and there were dinosaur bones, and there were geological strata, and everything was exactly as Darwin and the geologists described it. The secret was that in the year 4004 B.C. God had created the world exactly as Genesis said, and had hid-den all these bits of evidence in the rocks and in the dinosaur bones as a kind of temptation to mans intellectual presumptions. Gosse explained everything in such simple and beautiful terms that Strabis-mus said, No further discussion is necessary. The record is exactly what the atheistic professors at Yale say. It has to be, because God placed it there on the day of Creation. The second book was extremely useful when arguing with people from the universities who had a smattering of knowledge. It was George McCready Price's The New Geology, which Marcia Strabis-mus sold for ten dollars a copy, to those who sought the truth. It was a formidable essay, well founded in scientific jargon and difficult to rebut. Its major thesis appealed to all who suffered from the tyranny of science, and when Strabis-mus translated this into his own terms it made a persuasive argument: ' These here scientists try to tell us that fossils found in rocks always grow from primitive forms to complex forms like you and me. And to prove this they show us that the primitive forms always appear in the earliest rocks, and the complex forms in later rocks. But how do they date the layers of rock ? You stop right now and tell me how they date the layers of rock.

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