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前言

Publisher'S Foreword If we asked for a phrase associated with our better lives today , many people would mention “ reform and opening up , ” a policy initiated in China in 1978 . It was this policy that helped the Chinese get rid of poverty and start to become well-off . And it was this policy that helped China open its long-closed doors to the outside world and get even closer to it . Over the past 30 years China has undergone world-shaking changes while advancing its reform and opening up deeply and extensively . Now, newly built high-rises , bridges , highways and railways are to be seen everywhere ; at the same time , advanced overseas equipment , technology and management modes have been introduced into China . During the past 30 years of reform and opening up , what has happened to our lives and way of thinking ?

In 2008 , the 30th anniversary of China ' S reform and opening up , we traced this period of history by publishing the two-volume series Chinese Life: Bitter-Sweet Portraits . Through personal interviews , the two books portray a diversity of Chinese people who have lived throughout a certain historical period and against a certain significant historical background . Chinese Life : Bitter-Sweet Portraits (1978-1990) consists of 69 interviews out of the well over 100 that were conducted during the 1980s , reflecting a wide range of personal experiences between 1978 and 1989 . We have attempted to choose interviews that would interest readers most and at the same time would reflect the experiences of the Chinese people themselves . These people came from all parts of society , ranging from a college student to an elementary-school pupil ; from a wealthy grain grower in eastern China to a needy farmer on the Loess Plateau ; from a taxi driver to a former Red Guard ; from a newly wealthy entrepreneur to a kebab seller from distant Xinjiang... In short , they were the people one might have come across in any city, town or village in any part of China .

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内容概要

This book consists of 69 interviews, reflecting a wide range of personal experiences between 1978 and 1990. In these personal interviews, Chinese people talk about both the ordinary and extraordinary events in their lives. A poor farmer on the Loess Plateau says that all he needs is water to have everything in rife. A prisoner, convicted for a number of crimes, talks about his own childhood misfortunes. A Guangdong hairstylist working in Beijing and a self-employed taxi driver in Shanghai both frankly admit that their goals are to make money; an accomplished Shanghai portrait photographer discloses that he wishes to do nude photography before his retirement; and a woman pilot says the only regret in her life is that as a pilot she cannot wear her beautiful hair long. These were the people one might have come across in any city, town or village in any part of China. All the interviewees related their experiences, joys, sorrows, challenges, grievances and hopes, in a candid manner. Through this fascinating collection of personal anecdotes, readers will get inside glimpses of China in the course of great social transformation brought about by reform and opening up.

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章节摘录

Liang Zheng Dog Manager “ I like to take risks . I like to do things that nobody has done before . ” His name is Liang Zheng, but since the establishment of his dog-breeding corporation, people call him the “ dog manager . ” Since his graduation from Shanxi University in 1960, he has done many jobs . In 1985, he established the Dang Zheng Dog-Breeding Corporation . When I was in my teens . I used to dream that someday I'd become a pilot or a tank driver . As I grew older, I gradually became interested in education and in the end decided to become a teacher . But I never expect that at fifty I'd become a “ dog manager . ” When I say I'm a “ dog manager,” many people laugh and say that I'm joking . “ No , ” I reply, “ I'm indeed the manager of a dog corporation . ” Though quite a few people in China dislike dogs, I like people to call me “ dog manager . ” Dogs, not like other animals, have a deep affection for man and are loyal to him . In my view, “ dog' ” is a synonym for “ faithful ; ” SO I guess I can be called a faithful manager . In 1985, I was a high school teacher in Linfen, Shanxi Province . I suggested selling the campus workshop and establishing a dog-breeding corporation, the first of its kind in China . After two years of effort, my dream of building a Chinese pets' paradise—an amusement park—came true . Entering the 47-hectare park, visitors are greeted by 500 dogs of twenty-four species, such as Chinese Shar Peis, Shih Tzus, Pugs, and Pekingese, all wagging their tails and barking .

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