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## 内容概要

Nanxun is known in China and abroad as the home of Jiti Silk. Its thriving silk trade helped Nanxun earn the accolade "town of afflu-ence." Its community of wealthy merchants gave rise to beautiful garden residences, such as the Xiaolian Villa, the former residences of Liu Ti and of the Zhangs-all built on a grand scale and delightful to the eye. Particularly unusual is the juxtaposition of Chinese and Western architectural styles of these garden residences: Baroque columns, European fireplaces and French etched glass are blended into traditional Chinese buildings with central halls, skyweUs, and carved brick gatetowers.

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## 章节摘录

插图：After crossing the Tongji Bridge, we come to the Xunxi Stream, a winding river, lined on both sides by dwellinghouses with covered walkways, arcadehouses, some high, some low, facing each other across the stream. They have pink walls and gray tiles. Stone bridges link the two sides. Following the curves of the river, the long street winds along, with its covered colonnades and arch gates of every shape and size. The fire gables between the houses are of different height and they are so close to each other that they look as if they were overlapped. At a quick glance, the two-story houses look uniform in style, but actually their forms are quite different; some looking like clouds, and some with a curved profile projecting beyond the roof; but the majority have high corbel gables. They gaze proudly up into the azure sky, but their inverted images are reflected in the clear rippled water along with the stone steps and piers along the stream. There is great variety: the stone steps of the piers down to the water are single or double, broad or narrow; the houses along the river are high or low, and every one is different in terms of its exterior joinery.

## 编辑推荐

《南浔(英文)(图文版)》：The Taihu Lake Basin adjacent to Shanghai has a diversified water system and damp climate and is rich in produce. The original inhabitants planted rice and bred silkworms, and took advantage of the convenient water transportation there to develop trade relations both domestically and overseas. This part of the country is famous for its silk and herbal medicines. Since ancient times, it has witnessed rapid economic growth, and has earned the nicknames "Heaven on Earth" and "Land Flowing with Rice and Fish." Six ancient waterside towns in this area, namely, Zhouzhuang, Luzhi and Tongli in Jiangsu Province, and Xitang, Wuzhen and Nanxun in Zhejiang Province, are the most attractive representatives of age-old towns in south-east China. Waterways have shaped the ancient towns of southeast China, their streets following the contours of the waters and their houses built on riverbanks. Smart bridges, smoothly flowing rivers and tranquil residential houses form the typical natural landscape of these towns. Winding streets and lanes, ancient bridges and beautiful gardens contribute to a tranquil and simple atmosphere. These towns' rich historical and cultural legacies are embodied in the venerable shapes of bridges, streets, lanes, residential houses, ancestral halls, temples and theaters, art with a distinctive local flavor. The philosophy of life in a waterside town emphasizes the harmonious unity of Nature and Man. The buildings appear simple, though inside they are usually splendidly decorated, and the luxury is not shown on the exterior. The main building material in these towns is wood, displaying fine carvings and other decorations. The scenery changes with the four seasons, yet the tranquility and harmony, the smartness and elegance remain unchanged. A stay in one of these age-old towns brings tourists a strong sense of history, and enchants them with graceful landscapes and a relaxing lifestyle.

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