

# Power of Reading

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Welcome! This is the third newsletter published by the Library and Reading Affairs Team this year. In this volume, we have book and e-book recommendations, e-reading news, teachers' book reviews, book reports, a book and film review, and reading competitions to share with you. Enjoy reading!

#### Book Recommendation

# NewScientist GATS OBCIONS MISBEHAVING MAMMALS, INTELLECTUAL INSECTS, FLATULENT FISH AND THE GREAT PET SHOWDOWN: AMAZING ANIMAL INSIGHTS PROM NEW SCIENTIST

ISBN: 9781529339208

#### Cats vs Dogs

The animal world is a weird and wonderful place and scientists are always uncovering fascinating and surprising insights into the lives of everything from the tiniest insect to the biggest beast. This book features the very best animal-related questions and answers from *New Scientist* readers and writers.

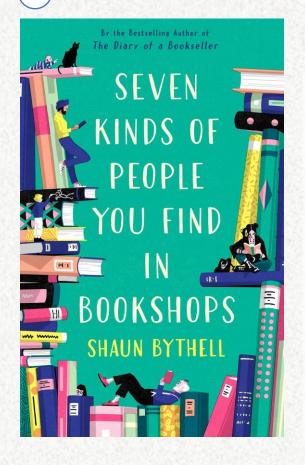
E.g. Why are cats unwilling to swim?

Why do dogs like jumping into cold ponds?

Why do millipedes have so many legs?

Do geese always fly in a V formation?

#### **Book Recommendation**



#### Seven Kinds of People You Find in Bookshops

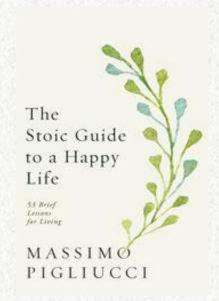
If you visit bookshops more often than the grocery store, you'll recognize the types of people. There're the Expert, the Young Family, the Occultists. Then there're the Loiterer, the Bearded Pensioner, the Not-So-Silent Traveller, and the Family Historian.

Two bonus sections include the Staff and, finally, the Perfect Customer -- all from the author, the funniest sell-and-tell observer in the house of books. This is the perfect read for anyone who ever felt a bookstore was home.

ISBN: 9781788166584

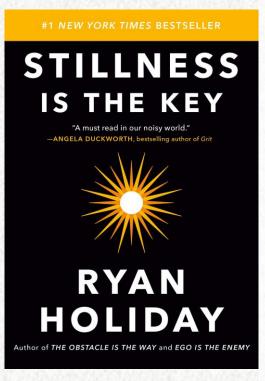
#### The Stoic Guide to a Happy Life

In this enlightening book, the author offers a thoughtful and modern reinterpretation of Epictetus's 53 lessons for living a good life. Drawing on the ancient wisdom of the Stoics, this is a comforting guide that will help you reclaim the power of your emotional response and let go of the things you can't control.



#### **Book Recommendation**

#### Stillness is the Key

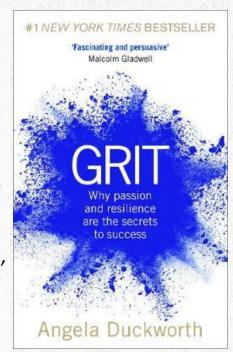


All great leaders, thinkers, artists, athletes, and visionaries share one indelible quality. It enables them to conquer their temper, to avoid distraction and discover great insights, to achieve happiness and do the right thing. The author calls it stillness--to be steady while the world spins around you. He outlines a path for achieving this ancient, but urgently necessary way of living. Drawing on a wide range of history's greatest thinkers, he argues that stillness is not mere inactivity, but the doorway to self-mastery, discipline, and focus.

ISBN: 9781788162067

#### Grit

In this must-read for anyone seeking to succeed, the author takes us on an eye-opening journey to discover the true qualities that lead to outstanding achievement. She has found that grit—a combination of passion and perseverance for a singularly important goal—is the hallmark of high achievers in every domain. She's also found scientific evidence that grit can grow. Winningly personal, insightful and powerful, this book is about what goes through your head when you fall down, and how that—not talent or luck—makes all the difference.



#### **E-Book Recommendation**

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ISBN: 9789575745356

#### 病毒密碼:生物科技大防疫

生物科技從微觀角度看新世紀病毒的面貌, DNA、RNA······密碼,隨著生命孕育奧祕的 解讀,重新開啟人類思維的新契機。

書中第一部分「新世紀的瘟疫」介紹21世紀初爆發SARS、西尼羅病毒、愛滋病與禽流感等超級瘟疫的大流行。第二部分「生物科技與生醫製藥」列舉實際成功的生技的案例,說明生技產業的發展實況與實戰觀念。第三部分「世紀的新煩惱」談的是生技產業給人類帶來的種種煩惱,以及如何提早防疫!

#### 有關科技的100個新知

此刻你在一個鬧市街角,大街上人來人往。 有人在購物,科技改變了我們的支付方式, 他用的可能不是現金,而是手中的手機為商 品付賬;有人在尋找哪裡有好吃好玩的,他 在利用GPS定位系統,電子地圖上會標記出 附近的餐館與咖啡廳。

手機、網絡、高畫質電視……,細數這些已經成為我們生活必需品的科技產品,試想一下,如果沒有它們,我們又該怎樣呢?如果沒有手機,我們如何隨心所欲地與親人保持聯繫呢?如果沒有網路,我們又如何與遠在異國他鄉的朋友談天論地?如果沒有高清晰的電視技術,我們又如何享受華麗的視覺盛宴呢?



ISBN:9789866260902

#### **E-Book Recommendation**

#### 這就是德國: 柏林圍牆倒塌後的富國之路

德國在世界上的政治與經濟舞台上佔有舉足輕重的地位,同時也是一個工業強國,這是有目共睹的。世人對德國在1871年才成為獨立及完整的民族國家,時至今日也不過一百四十餘年,讓人感到匪夷所思的是,它在這短短的歷史進程中,已經發動了兩次世界大戰,但在敗北的兩次戰爭中,它並沒有一蹶不振,卻如出一轍地在短短的時間內猶如古埃及神話中的不死鳥,從灰燼中再生,再度昂首闊步,睥凝一切。



ISBN: 9789570530148

#### 内向者的溝通課: 把害羞、慢熱、緊張、 沒自信化為你的優勢

害怕人多?腦袋空空?嘴都開了,卻 遲遲不敢說?在外向人主導的世界, 安靜就容易失敗?

不必羡慕他人天生健談,你也能將機 敏、內斂、真誠、暖心的內向性格, 化為溝通優勢!

破除內向者的心理障礙,讓你到哪裡 都能自帶氣場,化解尷尬,應對各種 人際場合。



#### **E-Book Recommendation**



ISBN: 9789868818309

# 從谷底到顛峰:現代年輕人所應該有的10種態度

人們的幸福生活在很大程度上要依靠人們自身的努力一依靠自己的勤奮、自我修養、自我磨練和自我約束;但最基本的是依靠誠實、正直和認真負責的態度,正是這些品行塑造了人類堅毅果敢的人格品德。作者發現,那些曾經聽過他主講座談會的年輕人,很多都成為了有誠信、負責任的人,他們之中的一些傑出人物甚至把自己在人生中取得的偉大成就歸功於他的講座給他們的啟發,他們甚至稱他的那些演講內容是他們一生的「精神名箴」。

# 經過100次的失敗,他用氣球拍下太空:世界最小級的太空開發計劃

如果不去嘗試,又怎麼能知道自己的極限? 這是個用氣球拍攝太空,重覆了數百次失敗 還不懈挑戰的故事。作者用帶著相機的氣球 ,到達遙遠的高空,到達毫無空氣之處,宛 如從宇宙中攝影般,能看到浮在漆黑太空裡 ,太陽、地球和宇宙的交界。

在大五暑假,作者被一則國外報導吸引他的 目光:三名美國大學生,用自製的氣球照相 機拍攝太空。自此,開啟了他的「氣球太空 拍攝」計劃,一切從什麼都不懂,什麼都嘗 試開始。經過各種跌跌撞撞,他成為日本第 一位個人太空開發者,也是全世界規模最小 的太空開發計劃。



ISBN:9789864931026



#### **E-Reading News**

#### 青年空間雜誌



一本以「青年人說自己」為宗旨的免費青年雙月雜誌,內容主要圍繞生活、 文化等主題,透過走訪社區不同人和事,引發讀者更多思考空間。雜誌以「空間」 為主體概念,設計上特意開了一扇窗,貫穿整本雜誌;意念源自「留白」,讓讀 者每一頁都擁有屬於自己的空間。如欲在網上免費閱讀此電子雜誌,請先登入此 網頁:<a href="https://cps.hkfyg.org.hk/ysm/magazineissues/">https://cps.hkfyg.org.hk/ysm/magazineissues/</a>,然後便可以進行線上閱讀,並 享受閱讀的樂趣。

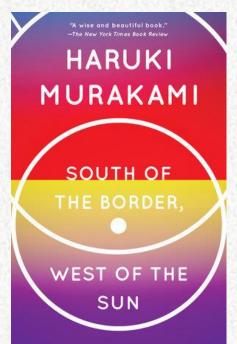


# South of the Border, West of the Sun Review written by Jeff Chong

"If I stayed here, something inside me would be lost forever—something I couldn't afford to lose. It was like a vague dream, a burning, unfulfilled desire. The kind of dream people have only when they're seventeen."

The book, in short, narrates the life of a man named Hajime, an upstate Jazz Bar owner in his late thirties, happily married to Yukiko with two daughters. There is nothing out of the ordinary until the protagonist reunites with his childhood lover — Shimamoto — twenty-five years later after they were separated. Shakespeare would have called them star-crossed lovers, the modern Romeo and Juliet.

To most people, the book is nothing but a man having an extramarital affair. But if we are to dissect the title of the book with more care, we are bound to realise that "South of the Border" and "West of the Sun" are metaphors that represent a comfort zone and a fantasy respectively. Since a young age, we have been told to study hard, to find a job that pays well, to get married, to have kids and to live a fulfilled life.

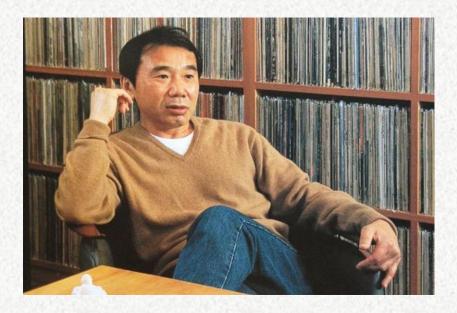


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Everything seems so normal, if not formulaic, and most of us really do follow this guaranteed "formula of bliss and joy". However, to Hajime, while he is content with his life, he is looking beyond the border towards the west of the sun to discover what has been lost in his life — mistakes that were made or chances that were missed due to a lack of courage and the misleading nature of destiny.

Virginia Woolf once said, "You cannot find peace by avoiding life. To look life in the face, always, to look life in the face and to know it for what it is. At last to know it, to love it for what it is, and then, to put it away." Life is an uncontrollable wave of fate. While we are all working hard to make different factors in life under our control, sometimes we miss out the fact that we are living in the present. A life dominated by regrets from the past and worries for the future is not a well-lived one.

Seize the moment and live in the present. Take risks. It is better to fail in originality than to succeed in limitation.



Haruki Murakami, the author of South of the Border, West of the Sun

#### Letters to Sam

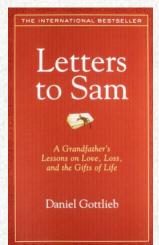
#### Review written by Bonnie Wai

"Sam, everyone has demons inside. Psychoanalyst Carl Jung called them our 'shadows'. He meant that we have parts of ourselves that we can't deal with. But we can't run away or separate ourselves from them. The shadows are part of us... They are just parts of ourselves that have long been ignored, seeking a voice. Welcome them, feed them, and listen to what they have to say. There is really not a whole lot to be afraid of."

Life lessons... how do we usually learn about life? From school or from your parents? Imagine your parents or your grandparents giving you an instruction manual about how to live life. The book *Letters to Sam* by Daniel Gottlieb is somewhat like that. A grandfather Daniel who has paralysis writes a book of letters to his grandson Sam who has been diagnosed with autism. Daniel uses his own experience when giving lessons with themes we can all relate to: being kind to others, love, healing, the list goes on.

This book touched my heart because of its warm and thought-provoking content. No matter what the situation, the book teaches us how to find appreciation and meaning in life. Daniel's letters can be applied to everyday challenges and inspires us to be more positive when facing such challenges.

Hopefully Daniel's letters can bring you some inspiration and positivity when you most need it.



#### 《伴我同行》

書評作者:陶穎珊老師

「只要我們找到生命的信念,抱著一個有建設性而積極的人生觀, 無論在甚麼景況下,我們都可以活出一個有意義、充實和豐盛的人生。」 這是作者程文輝說的一番話。

《伴我同行》是程女士的自傳,書本記錄了她一生中重要的經歷。 程女士在嬰孩時期已經失明,在當時社會,很多人對殘疾人士存在歧視和誤解,殘疾人士獲得學習的機會不多,但程女士是相對幸運的一位,她有家人以及家傭和姐的陪伴和支持,讓她在追求知識的道路上並不孤單。和姐雖然是程女士的家傭,但她俩從來不存在主僕觀念,和姐把她看作自己的親生女兒,甚至代替程女士的一雙眼睛,帶她探索這個世界。和姐奉獻了她的一生去愛護程女士,甚至當程女士家道中落的時候,和姐也沒有離她而去,反而外出工作賺錢,幫助程女士繼續追求學業。和姐從來不求任何回報,這種無私的大愛讓人動容。

很多人面對逆境的時候也會自暴自棄,但程女士卻能夠以正面的眼光看待一切看似不幸的事情,她是怎樣做到的呢?有次機會讓她認識了福音,她知道自己來到這個世界是有天父的用意,所以儘管明白殘疾人士的道路是崎嶇,她依然願意將自己交托給天父,因爲她深信無論是順境還是逆境,天父必然會看顧她。因此她常常感恩,從不抱怨,勇敢地去面對一切人生的挑戰。面對人生中不如意的事,我們應該選擇感恩而不是去抱怨,多想想自己已經擁有的東西,會更容易發現生命的美好。



#### Finders Keepers

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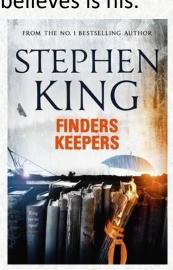
Almost 30 years later from his initial arrest, Morris Bellamy, the pasty-skinned, red-lipped villain of King's new novel *Finders Keepers*, takes a less nuanced approach when confronting his own literary hero.

Morris Bellamy has come to Rothstein's remote New Hampshire house with a pair of thugs to rob the elderly author. But, really, what he's after are the rumours of the dozens of notebooks Rothstein has filled with his writing in the decades since he retired from public life entirely, and is desperate to find a new ending for Rothstein's creation, Jimmy Gold.

Stephen King flits between the two stories, Pete and Morris's past and present, slowly building up to what has always been coming: Morris's release, on the subjects of Jimmy Gold and John Rothstein, and his reclaiming of what he believes is his.



Stephen King, the author of *Finders Keepers* 





#### Finders Keepers

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Finders Keepers is the sequel to Mr. Mercedes, a straight thriller that won King the top US crime award- the Edgar, and the second volume in a projected trilogy about retired detective Bill Hodges (to be completed with The Suicide Prince). Hodges, now running the investigative firm "Finders Keepers", is reunited with his fellow investigators, Jerome and Holly, in this new case. But he's also still obsessively visiting Brady Hartsfield, Mr. Mercedes' killer, who has awoken from a coma, but is apparently still catatonic.

At roughly 400 pages, this isn't one of those classic literature books you read in school. Yet the book is expertly plotted with a series of jaw dropping moments that just make you tremble with fear. The book manages to piece by piece build up suspense to a suitably horrific climate. And just like how Pete and Morris are obsessed with Rothstein, you will be too.

Horror and swear words aside, this book really has to be one of those books that freshens your mind. This book takes the meaning of crime thrillers to the next level. And with an immensely talented author, this book has to be a must-read.

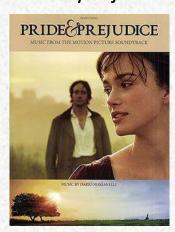


#### Pride and Prejudice

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Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen is one of best reads of all time. With its intricate character development of Lizzy Bennet and Mr. Darcy to its perfect mixture of satire and courtship, it is definitely a great read for all ages.

What I loved most about *Pride and Prejudice* was the character development of Lizzy Bennet and Mr. Darcy. They both started off as prejudiced and proud people. Lizzy was quick to judge Mr. Darcy's pride and therefore refused to acknowledge his good qualities. She completely immersed herself with the falsehoods that Mr. Wickham (Mr. Darcy's worst enemy) said from a biased point of view. These statements were meant to mislead Lizzy so she would think Mr. Darcy to be an evil and prideful little scoundrel. But Lizzy's hatred for Mr. Darcy grew even more when he proposed to Lizzy in the most insulting way possible by saying, "Could you expect me to rejoice in the inferiority of your connections?-- to congratulate myself on the hope of relations, whose condition in life is so decidedly beneath my own?" Lizzy blatantly rejected Mr. Darcy due to her prejudice and his pride.



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They later became improved versions of themselves because of each other. Mr. Darcy realised how he, the great lover of Lizzy, had caused his own downfall by making Lizzy hate him because of pride he never knew existed. That made him change from a proud person to a humble one. Lizzy, the witty and clever girl realised how she had misjudged Mr. Darcy so muchthat she completely ignored his ability to change. But Lizzy then changed to a more unbiased and accepting girl.

I love how Jane Austen has taught us that love makes you whole. Pride and Prejudice teaches us that it is our pride and prejudice that drives us to hate and despise others for traits that do not even exist. It is prejudice that causes misunderstandings and pride that reinforces falsehood.

From the book's memorable quotes to the precious lessons that Pride and Prejudice has taught us, Jane Austen's most famous novel is indeed a must-read.



Jane Austen, the author of *Pride and Prejudice* 

#### 《四十一雙眼睛一年輕人看世界》 100 23 莫該係

《四十一雙眼睛》是四十一位與我年紀相仿的年輕人所創作的故事。他們以四十一個不同的角度帶我看看他們的內心世界,令我對社會以及自己的人生有了不同的看法和啟發。「每一個年輕人都應當乘著夢想的翅膀出航」,這是我翻開封面,映入眼簾的一句話。這話讓我感慨萬分,亦同時讓我對未知的未來感到一些期盼—這就是無數人曾經歷的青春,也是我正在走的成長路。

這本文集內有很多故事,有溫馨的、有暖心的、有悲傷的、有令人痛心的……至於讓我感觸至深的,是〈便條〉和〈大人國〉。

先說說〈便條〉這個故事吧!我當初稍稍的看這篇文章時,只覺得它是講述 一個孩子平凡的一天,有點不解為何胡燕青老師會把這平凡無奇的故事放進這本 文集裏。但細細閱讀後,我才發現原來作者將一個人的一生經歷,以平淡而又溫 馨的筆觸,壓縮為一天之內所發生的事。

在早上,「他」還只是一個剛上幼兒園的學生,還會在爸爸媽媽的懷裏撒嬌;在中午,「他」已經是一名青少年,爸爸媽媽以寵溺的眼神目送他上學;在晚上,「他」已經步出了社會,拖著沉重而又疲累的身軀回家,但爸爸媽媽卻已經不在了。「他」還是青少年時,媽媽曾塞給他一張便條,叫「他」回來吃晚飯,但那時的「他」是不耐煩的,也忘記了便條上的內容。後來他出了社會後,才記得爸爸媽媽寫給他的「便條」,趕緊回家後,卻發現一切都為時已晚。



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書中,媽媽為「他」做早餐、燙好上學衣服;爸爸用他粗壯的手臂抱着小孩、給小孩遞雜誌……從這些細節中,能看出爸爸媽媽對「他」的厚愛。但隨著「他」的成長,他與爸爸媽媽的關係越來越疏離。或許,「他」出了社會後,是一名非常成功的人士,即使他仍記得父母對他的教誨和照顧,卻忽略了父母的心願。父母只是單純的想孩子能經常回家,陪伴他們,對父母而言,這已經足夠了。遺憾的是,故事中的「他」,連父母這小小的願望都不能滿足。作者用了輕描淡寫的手法來講述這孩子的一生,但我卻從這篇文章中,感受到一絲絲的悲哀和遺憾。

這一篇文章只有短短的兩頁,卻令我感慨不已。仔細想想,父母在我們年幼時,身穿著一身盔甲為我們擋下風風雨雨,但我相信,即便以後他們已是雙鬢斑白,在子女遇到困難時,他們仍會拖著年邁的身軀,在背後默默的支持我們。人的一生是短暫的,歲月無情,眨了一眼,時間便溜走了一大半,所以我們要學會珍惜、珍惜父母對我們的照護、珍惜父母對我們的教育,甚至是珍惜父母的一個微笑,這才會讓我們的人生變得更有意義。

至於〈大人國〉的故事,作者將「我」比喻為〈大人國〉裏的一個小人。「我」按照父母的要求,學習多種科目,甚至連對「身體有益」的童軍也參加了。但實際上,「我」學到的,卻是別的知識——看著兩位太太在收銀處爭著付錢,學到了大人們的明爭暗鬥;看著小巴上胖子坐著的「皇帝位」,學會了權力的重要性;看著童軍老師選了一個比我襟章還少的名校生做小隊長,學會了位高權重的重要性。「我」感覺到有一雙無形的手,把我一步一步的推向深淵,逼迫我成為「大人國」的一份子。

書中的主角被逼由無知的小孩一晚長大。其實我們不難發現,從他向媽媽表明自己想學的是鋼琴而不是當童軍,到他寧願與雲朵多聊天,也不與父母聊天的描寫,可以看出小孩曾向大人們「求救」,曾捍衛過自己的「小人國」。但大人們彷彿搞住了耳朵,不僅將孩子所說的話一笑置之,還雪上加霜的取笑他。故事到最後,小孩「決定默不作聲,不再為小人們孤軍作戰,轉身踏上了通往大人國的路」。若大人一早發現了小孩的反常,用心的跟小孩溝通,是不是就能阻止悲劇的發生?



#### 《四十一雙眼睛一年輕人看世界》 100 23 莫該係

作者的文章,字字句句耐人尋味。「大人國」中的「我」或許已經踏進了大人國的領地、已經坐上了胖子以前的位置、已經成為了一名優秀的童軍小隊長……但「我」失去的,卻是本該獨一無二的童年。「我」犧牲了童年,來換取進入「大人國」的資格。看完這篇文章後,我只覺得書上寫著的「每一個年輕人都應當乘著夢想的翅膀出航」無比諷刺。現今社會,又多少年輕人被逼與自己的夢想背道而行?這一篇文章中的媽媽,把她自己的夢想當作孩子的目標,以為這一切都是為了孩子好,卻完完全全忽略了孩子的感受。

我現在只感到無比慶幸,慶幸父母從小至大都會放手讓我嘗試新事物。我的夢想常常變換,看到電視上的太空人很酷,便想做一名太空人;從表姐那裏聽說麥當勞的員工可以隨意吃薯條,便想當一名麥當勞員工;看見鄰居家的狗狗很可愛,便想成為一名獸醫。每次聽到我的新夢想,父母不但沒有諷刺我,還鼓勵我不管想做甚麼職業也可以,重要的是一定要努力,向著自己的夢想啟航!這應該是很多人夢寐以求的父母吧!我真的很幸福。

〈便條〉和〈大人國〉兩篇同是寫父母與子女的關係,但不同的是,〈便條〉中的父母很了解自己的孩子,為他創造了不少童年回憶;「大人國」的父母自以為很瞭解孩子,卻一手毀了他的童年。這強烈的對比,令人覺得「大人國」中的父母可悲可笑!我認為孩子應當自己學會成長,應當有自己的夢想,即便在成長的路上遇到了種種困難、碰了一鼻子灰、體會以及感受社會的殘酷……但只要知道父母會永遠當你的後盾,累了的時候你可以回家歇歇,這樣,對孩子已經足夠了。





#### 《彷徨》

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封建社會就像一隻洪水猛獸,吞噬了人民的多元思想,扼殺了人民的自由,破壞了人民的平等。封建社會的封閉思想使人們以一套固有的準則批判別人。如果有人的行為不符合這些準則,就會被人排斥,亦因此而產生了很多悲劇。《彷徨》是魯迅先生所寫的小說,裏面的故事都是諷刺當時中國社會的封閉思想,他希望可以藉這些故事,喚醒當時的人接受開放、多元的文化。

在《彷》的眾多篇章中,我印象最深刻的是〈祝福〉。

〈祝福〉的故事主人翁是祥林嫂。祥林嫂身處於一個男尊女卑的封建社會內,女性社會地位低下,沒有自由選擇婚姻的權利。她的丈夫過世後,婆家為了錢,要迫她另嫁他人,她只好離家出走,最終逃到了一戶人家中工作。那戶人家的主人是魯四爺和魯四嬸。祥林嫂初來乍到,工作非常勤勞,魯四爺和魯四嬸對她的表現頗為滿意。但好景不常,祥林嫂的婆婆找到魯家來,祥林嫂被強行帶走,最後被逼改嫁。

後來,祥林嫂再嫁的丈夫突然過世,她的兒子亦不幸被狼吃掉,喪夫喪子的祥林嫂因此被逐出家門。當祥林嫂再次回到魯四爺家中工作,得悉她喪夫喪子的魯四爺、魯四嬸、甚至該鎮的鎮民,對她不但沒有同情,有的更只是冷淡和排斥,連魯鎮名為「祝福」的年終大典,魯四爺也以祥林嫂家門不幸為由,不許她幫忙準備。最後,祥林嫂被魯家趕走,流浪街頭,最終不知道什麼原因的死了。

祥林嫂的故事,是封建社會製造的悲劇。祥林嫂被迫改嫁、再嫁後因喪夫喪子被逐出家門,她就像棋子一般,被人利用著,毫無地位。當時的社會男尊女卑,女性只能為男性而活,所以當祥林嫂的丈夫和兒子死後,因為已沒有男性需要她照顧,她便再無利用價值,最後的結局只能是被趕出家門。明明同樣是人,但只因性別不同,待遇卻天差地別。女性沒有做錯任何事,卻被貶得一文不值,這就是封建社會的荒謬之處。性別是天生註定的,沒人能夠決定自己的性別,但在封建社會中,這卻決定了你在社會上的地位,是多麼的不公平啊!

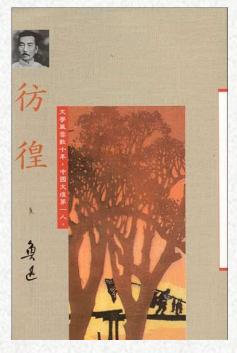
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另外,祥林嫂喪夫喪子後,魯四爺覺得祥林嫂家門不幸,阻止她參與「祝福」的準備,這也反映了封建社會的迷信。當一個人的親人不幸去世,他會被視為厄運的載體,然後被身邊的人以厭惡的目光看待。沒有人希望自己的伴侶或兒子離世,當親人去世,他們最需要的是安慰和陪伴。可惜的是,在封建社會中,沒有人會陪伴他們,更沒有人會可憐他們,他們只會被冷血排斥和無視,過著罪人一般的生活。

我認為封建社會的封閉思想是不可取的。這樣的社會只會造成更多像祥林嫂一樣的悲劇。人們不能接受多元的文化和想法,不願意接受新事物和新衝擊,社會只會停滯不前。在多元社會中,人們不會被傳統觀念所限制,新思維不會被人排斥,如此一來,社會才能進步。雖然現今社會已漸趨多元,但一些傳統的思想仍然存在。以在香港申請丁屋為例,除了要證明你是新界原居民,還只限男性才能申請。即使現今社會提倡男女平等,男尊女卑的影子卻仍然存在,女性還是會受到不公平的對待。

《彷》中的各篇故事,把封建社會這隻洪水猛獸描寫得淋漓盡致。我們應該知所警惕,要把男尊女卑、迷信的守舊思想拋開,包容並尊重社會中的每一個人,並給予他們應有的平等機會,只有這樣,社會才能在光明的大道上前進



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# Book and Film Review

#### 《三少爺的劍》:想像空間的影像化 曉龍

《三少爺的劍》原著作者古龍運用精煉的文字營造不一樣的環境美,為讀者提供廣闊的想像空間,轉化為影像後別具韻味。例如:原著鋪排其中一位主角燕十三出場時,「木葉蕭蕭、夕陽滿天。蕭蕭木葉下,站著一個人,就可能與這大地秋色溶為一體。」此段描述變為影像後,燕十三(何潤東飾)剛明時,實後的皓白景致,其下雪的冬天景色,襯托他一個人遺世獨立的特質,與上述文字有異曲同工之妙。他與三少爺謝曉峰決門時,「楓樹一棵棵倒下劍上上述文字有異曲同工之妙。他與三少爺謝曉峰決門時,「楓樹一棵棵倒下劍影上遊盡是澎湃激盪的畫面,具有濃烈的漫畫感的想像空間得以徹底浮現東海的吸引力,其具美感的動畫特技使文字背後的想像空間得以徹底浮現東海的是為電影提供「養分」,這才使導演發揮原著的精粹,用影像的形式表現其充為想像力的文字表達的世態意境。因此,原著是電影的根基,沒有精心文字,導演定必失去想像的空間,遑論會有電影內美輪美奧的畫面。

觀眾看完電影再看原著,便會發覺導演拿捏原著精粹加以發揮時,其實遺漏了文字背後的哲理意味,或許原著內部分文字難以透過畫面表達出來,藉有其值得閱讀之處。例如:原著描述三少爺的人生,以自然景色為襯托,表現他如虛似幻的一生。「黃昏。有霧。黃昏本不該有霧,卻偏偏有霧。是夢中。是霧門本不該有夢中。是霧門本不該有夢中。是霧門本來,還是夢一樣的霧?如果說人生本就如霧如夢?這句話是太俗,以實別人生。以實別,沒有在電影中表達出來,導演只簡單地以下之一樣,沒有運用任何影像符號表現他的一生,似乎忽略了上述文字的景色襯托他,沒有運用任何影像符號表現他的一生,似乎忽略了上述文字的義,亦忽視了作者透過此故事表達自己的人生觀的意圖、如果觀眾只看電影而不看原著,便會低估了原著的涵蓋,以為這只是一個武俠世界內恩怨情仇的意義,亦忽視了作者撰寫整個故事的主要動機,亦不了解其藉著此故事思考生命意義的終極目標。因此,觀眾看電影之餘,亦不應不看原著;否則,可能會完全忽視整個故事的深層價值。



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事實上,原著的內容比電影更豐富,在於其上冊的附錄內〈古龍論情感〉對愛的深刻闡述,比電影中三少爺(林更新飾)與小麗(蔣夢婕飾)的簡單情感更動人,更能讓讀者思考愛的價值和意義。原著附錄內「愛能毀滅一切,也能造成一切。人生既然充滿了愛,我們為什麼一定還要苦苦去追尋別人一些小小的容?我們為什麼不能教別人少加指責,多施同情?」電影只平鋪直敘地描寫三少爺與小麗之間的關係,從他同情她,他願意為她擋劍,以至兩人建立更密切的關係,體現了愛能造成一切的道理,而慕容秋荻(江一燕飾)對他因愛成恨,亦體現了愛能毀滅一切的道理。不過,當讀者看完上冊對他與她的關係及其共同經歷的描述後,再閱讀附錄對愛的詮釋,自然會想起先前讀完的相關故事內容,思考作者如何藉著他與她的關係表達自己對愛的看法,並且在結合上冊下文與附錄的內容後「百般滋味在心頭」。因此,即使電影畫面有非一般的引力,能帶來一剎那的視聽享受,仍然不及原著文字對故事背後涵蘊的細膩呈現,以及其對人與人之間的情感從沉澱、溢出至外露的深刻闡述。



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