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前言

本书面向高职高专英语专业的学生编写，共两部分。第一部分共14章，介绍英国文化；第二部分共15章，介绍美国文化。本书介绍英美两国的自然地理、社会历史、政治体制、经济生活、教育体系、科学成果、文学名家、宗教流派、风俗习惯、家庭生活、体育运动等基本概况，以期帮助专科学生了解并掌握一定的英美社会文化知识，初步形成跨文化交际意识，进而提高英语交际能力。本书各章节力求重点突出，同时材料尽量宽泛，以适应专科学生课时设置的特点。本书语言通俗易懂，除一些专业术语不可避免外，尽量做到语言的日常化，更利于高职高专学生的学习。各章前均有导语，学习目标一目了然；各章后有讨论话题，既可巩固学生所学知识，又可以提高表达能力，活跃课堂气氛。特别要说明的是，本书第一部分第14章和第二部分第29章是编者针对高职高专院校对英美文学开课不足的状况着力安排的内容，这使得本书更具针对性。另外本书中未加注释，没有图片和附录，主要是考虑到目前网络的普及性和学生上网查询的便捷性，这也使得本书更加简明。本书在编写过程中参考了大量前辈和同仁的著作，对于诸位作者在此遥表感谢。由于编者水平所限，书中难免存在不足之处，恳请读者批评指正，不胜感激。

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1.2.2 Scotland Scotland is chiefly mountainous. With a general trend from southeast to northwest, the Southern Uplands, the Grampians and the North West Highlands dominate Scotland. The first two are separated by a region of lower hills and rolling country drained by the lower parts of the Clyde River, the Tay River, and the Forth river. The Grampians and the North West Highlands are divided by Loch Ness. In the northwestern part of the Grampians stands Ben Nevis (1,343 meters high), the highest mountain in the UK. The Southern Uplands contain broad, rounded hills, many of which are high enough to be heather-covered. These hills are drained by pleasant rivers, some of which run in valleys that cut across the prevailing east-northeast grain of the country. North of the Southern Uplands is the Midland Valley of Scotland, which is an area of hilly and rolling country in which there are two principal cities: Edinburgh and Glasgow. The valley trends east-northeast. The Grampians lie peacefully in the highlands of Scotland. It is the largest mountain range in the UK in which there are four high mountains, all of which are more than 1,000 meters high and two of which are the highest in the UK. The Tay, the Dee and the Spey rivers find their sources in the range. On the other side of Loch Ness lie the North West Highlands which are scarcely populated.

1-2.3 Wales Wales is, like Scotland, mostly mountainous. The northern part of Wales is largely hilly and moorland. The conspicuous Mt. Snowdon (1,085 meters high) rises in the northeast. The Cambrian Range dominates the region. South and east of Aberystwyth is the plateau region of central Wales, lying at an average elevation of about 2,000 feet. The limestone country in the northeast, the great coalfield area with its characteristic deep valleys in the south and the peninsula of Pembroke in the southwest can be recognized. The fine, cliffy coast of Wales shows little evidence of the development that took place in western Scotland. The island of Anglesey, off the northwest coast, is almost totally flat.

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1、该书特别注重学生英语语言能力的培养；语言通俗易懂，重点突出，简明扼要，脉络清晰；选材宽泛；介绍了英美社会文化知识，对英语学习者了解英美文化，提高跨文化沟通能力是不可或缺的一本参考书和必读书。

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