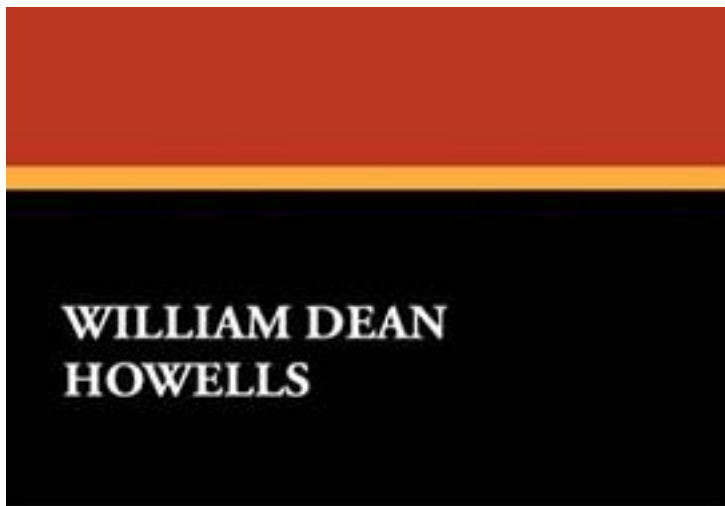


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在线阅读本书

William Dean Howells' richly humorous characterization of a self-made millionaire in Boston society provides a paradigm of American culture in the Gilded Age. After establishing a fortune in the paint business, Silas Lapham moves his family from their Vermont farm to the city of Boston, where they awkwardly attempt to break into Brahmin society. Silas, greedy for wealth as well as prestige, brings his company to the brink of bankruptcy, and the family is forced to return to Vermont, financially ruined but morally renewed. As Kermit Vanderbilt points out in his introduction, the novel focuses on important themes in the American literary tradition: the efficacy of self-help and determination, the ambiguous benefits of social and economic progress, and the continual contradiction between urban and pastoral values.

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比想象的好看。有些场景很细腻真实，人物还算丰满。

读的是signet

classic版，语言比较简单。剧情反转有些出乎意料。超级喜欢结局。被除了M.K.Rogert以外的角色暖到。很喜欢Silas

Lapham!上周开始看，实际26/27都是这三天刷完，还是比计划多了一天。

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惹！五星给治愈的结局。(ω)给自己也鼓鼓掌叭(**)

整本书感觉偏鸡汤（对不起）。唯一觉得有意思的是两姐妹和Corey的三角恋关系，大家都以为C喜欢妹妹，结果他向姐姐求婚了。蛮反鸡汤的，Penelope本来想自我牺牲成全妹妹幸福，结果爸爸妈妈和牧师都说你这样简直是stupid！你看多了那种浪漫又不真实的小说，那种整天为对方死来死去的男女主角根本就不是现实生活里的人，你牺牲了一点用也没有，不如采取economy of pain功利主义大法。然后妈妈特别直接粗暴的告诉妹妹说你醒醒吧Corey根本就不爱你你搞错了。这个反鸡汤深得我心，Howells也说想展现现实生活中人们真实的情感和动机，在这个方面我觉得他还是做到了的。

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