



Character
Building
Thoughts
for Older
Children

年长儿的书：
如何塑造良
好性格

Always be a first-rate version of yourself instead of a second-rate version of someone else.

永远做个一流的你，而不是个二流的别人。



Anyone can be nice to those who are nice, but the person who can be nice to those who aren't is the bigger person.

任何人都能善待那些善待自己的人，但能善待那些不善待自己的人，才更宽宏大量。



The real world has never ceased needing heroic people who are willing to stand up for what is right and come to the aid of those in need.

现实生活从来都需要有英雄气概的人，那些愿意声张正义的人，那些帮助那些有需求的人。



Instead of asking ourselves, "Why should I help this person?" or, "Why should I show kindness to this person?" we should be asking, "Why *wouldn't* I?"

我们不是问自己“为什么我要帮这个人”或“为什么我要对这个人表示善意”，而是应该问：“为什么我不这么做呢？”



Failure, disappointments, and setbacks are all part of life, but I can refuse to allow them to get the best of me.

失败、失望、挫折——它们都是生活的一部分，但我决不让它们胜过我。



Happiness is what we make it.

快乐是由我们自己建造的。



After all is said and done, the biggest key to achieving what you want—as well as the biggest hindrance—will likely be you.

归根究底，实现你的梦想的最大关键—也是最大的阻碍—可能就是你自己了。



We need patience to accomplish our goals in life. Even when our situation is not ideal, it is important to persevere and make the most of what we have.

我们需要耐心来完成生命的目标。即便我们的处境不理想，重要的是我们要持之以恒、坚忍不拔，并充分利用我们所有的、尽力而为。



Focused, hard work is the real key to success. Keep your eyes on the goal and just keep taking the next step towards completing it.

专注而勤奋的工作，是成功的真正关键。让你的眼睛不离开目标，坚持朝那个方向迈步就可以了。



Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.

尽力做你能所做的一切好事。尽力用一切方法去做，尽力在各方面去做。尽力在每个地方去做，尽力在任何时间去做。尽力对所有人这么做，尽力在你一生这么做。



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