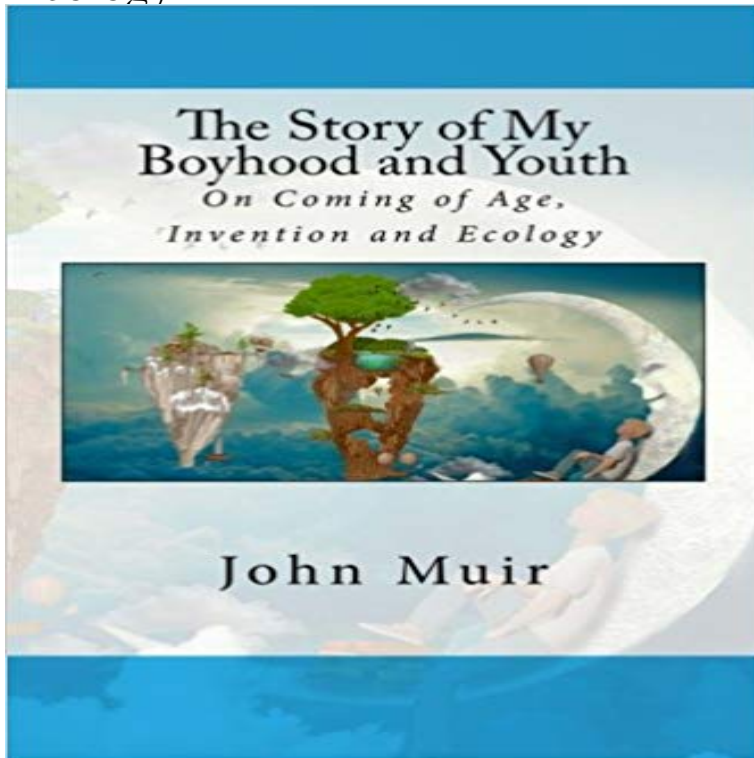


The Story of My Boyhood and Youth: On Coming of Age, Invention and Ecology



Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves. -John Muir

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In a lifetime of exploration, writing, and passionate political activism, John Muir made himself America's most eloquent spokesman for the mystery and majesty of the wilderness, a master of natural description who evoked and celebrated with unique power and intimacy the untrammelled landscapes of Alaska and the American West. In *The Story of My Boyhood and Youth*, Muir recounts in vivid detail the three worlds of his early life: his first eleven years in Scotland; the years 1849-1860 in the central Wisconsin wilderness; and two-and-a-half most inventive years at the University of Wisconsin during that institution's infancy.

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