## THE STORY OF MY BOYHOOD AND YOUTH, WITH ILLUSTRATIONS FROM SKETCHES BY THE AUTHOR

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649713820

The Story of My Boyhood and Youth, with Illustrations from Sketches by the Author by John Muir

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd. Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

JOHN MUIR

# THE STORY OF MY BOYHOOD AND YOUTH, WITH ILLUSTRATIONS FROM SKETCHES BY THE AUTHOR

**Trieste** 

#### By John Muir

THE STORY OF MY BOYHOOD AND YOUTH. Illustrated. MY FIRST SUMMER IN THE SIERRA. IUos-trated. STICKEEN: The Story of a Dag. OUR NATIONAL PARKS. Illustrated Holiday Edition.

HOUGHTON MIFFLIN COMPANY BOSTON AND NEW YORK

The Story of My Boyhood and Youth



10 mm Muir

### THE STORY OF MY BOYHOOD AND YOUTH

BY

John Muir

WITH ILLUSTRATIONS FROM SKETCHES BY THE AUTHOR



BOSTON AND NEW YORK HOUGHTON MIFFLIN COMPANY Che diversite perss Cambridge 1913 COPYRIGHT, 1913 AND 1913, BY THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY COMPANY Copyright, 1913, By John Muir

#### ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

#### Published March 1919

1000 1

Gift Rof. F.N. Scott 1-24-29 add. cop.

### Contents

- I. A BOYHOOD IN SCOTLAND . . . . T Earliest Recollections — The "Dandy Doctor". Terror — Deeds of Daring — The Savagery of Boys — School and Fighting — Birds'-nesting.
- II. A NEW WORLD . . . . . . . . . 51 Stories of America — Glorious News — Crossing the Atlantic — The New Home — A Baptism in Nature — New Birds — The Adventures of Watch — Scotch Correction — Marauding Indians.
- III. LIFE ON A WISCONSIN FARM . . . 90 Humanity in Oxen — Jack, the Pony — Learning to Ride — Nob and Nell — Snakes — Mosquitoes and their Kin— Fish and Fishing — Considering the Lillies — Learning to Swim — A Narrow Escape from Drowning and a Victory — Accidents to Animals.
- IV. A PARADISE OF BIRDS . . . . 137 Bird Favorites — The Prairie Chickens — Water-Fowl — A Loon on the Defensive — Passenger Pigeons.

[w]

31. 29. 29 9 Lara

#### Contents

- VI. THE PLOUGHBOY . . . . . . . . 199 The Crops — Doing Chores — The Sights and Sounds of Winter — Road-making — The Spiritrapping Craze—Tuberculosis among the Settlers — A Cruel Brother — The Rights of the Indians — Put to the Plough at the Age of Twelve — In the Harvest-Field — Over-Industry among the Settlers — Running the Breaking-Plough — Digging a Well — Choke-Damp — Lining Bees.
- VII. KNOWLEDGE AND INVENTIONS . . 240 Hungry for Knowledge — Borrowing Books — Paternal Opposition — Snatched Moments — Early Rising proves a Way out of Difficulties — The Cellar Workshop — Inventions — An Early-Rising Machine — Novel Clocks — Hygrometers, etc. — A Neighbor's Advice.
- VIII. THE WORLD AND THE UNIVERSITY 262 Leaving Home — Creating a Sensation in Pardeeville — A Ride on a Locomotive — At the State Fair in Madison — Employment in a Machine-Shop at Prairie du Chien — Back to Madison — Entering the University — Teaching School — First Lesson in Botany — More Inventions — The University of the Wilderness.

.