The Days of My Youth: A Childhood Memoir of Life in the Oneida Community

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Abstract
"The Days of My Youth is a memoir of childhood in the utopian Oneida Community that limns the past with loving acuity. In successfully conveying what it felt like being a young girl there, it is an important source of information about one of the longest-lasting and most successful ventures in utopian living in American history." (Anthony Wonderley, Curator, Oneida Community Mansion House) This intimate memoir is made available for a third printing through the tireless efforts of Jessie Mayer who compared every word of the transcript to the original.

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Infused with a child's curiosity and wonder, this book is deeply touching in its revelation of a whole community’s stake in nurturing a writer.” —The Guardian (London). "Gives its readers an unforgettable sense of another time, a country and a continent in the middle of change. A small child learns to hold onto his dreams, even in a time of war.” The initiation school is viewed as a nursery where moral rectitude is inculcated in the minds of initiates who are taught life skills such as courage, resilience, stoicism, creative thinking, and respect. Most importantly, rite of passage is perceived as a coming of age, an inevitable bridge between boyhood and manhood. As Ngugi puts it, rite of passage was not only "initiations from one phase of life to another but also forms of social education" (83). Or a child has parents who abuse him or her. Such childhood is a nightmare of one’s life. Fortunately, cases like this are not frequent and vast majority of children have a happy childhood. We will write a custom essay on Childhood Is the Best Time of Ones Life specifically for you FOR ONLY $16.38 $13.90/page. Order now. We will write a custom sample essay on Childhood Is the Best Time of Ones Life specifically for you FOR ONLY $16.38 $13.90/page. Hire Writer. We will write a custom sample essay on Childhood Is the Best Time of Ones Life specifically for you FOR ONLY $16.38 $13.90/page. Hire Wr... The childhood time is the best time in life, the experiences we have been through are irreplaceable and we will cherish in our mind. How to cite this page. Choose cite format