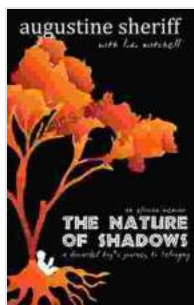


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A Childhood in Nigeria

Cole was born in the United States to Nigerian parents. He spent his early childhood in Nigeria, where he was raised by his extended family. Cole's childhood was happy and carefree. He spent his days playing with his cousins and exploring the countryside. He was also exposed to the rich culture and traditions of his Yoruba heritage.

However, Cole's childhood was not without its challenges. He experienced racism and discrimination from both black and white people. He was often made to feel like an outsider, both in Nigeria and in the United States.

Coming to America

When Cole was twelve years old, his family moved to the United States. Cole struggled to adjust to his new life in America. He was bullied by his classmates and he felt isolated from his peers. He also had to deal with the racism and discrimination that was prevalent in American society.

Despite the challenges he faced, Cole eventually found his place in America. He attended college and graduate school, and he became a successful writer and photographer. He also became a vocal advocate for social justice and equality.

The Nature of Memory

The Nature of Shadows is not only a memoir of Cole's personal experiences. It is also a meditation on the nature of memory. Cole explores how our memories shape our identities and how they can be both a source of comfort and pain.

Cole writes, "Memory is a strange thing. It can be both a blessing and a curse. It can bring us joy and it can bring us pain. It can help us to understand ourselves and it can also lead us astray."

A Powerful and Moving Book

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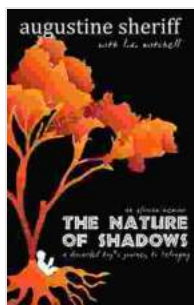
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