



A Russian Schoolboy (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

By Serge Aksakoff

Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from A Russian Schoolboy These recollections of school and college were published by Aksakoff in 1856, when he was in his sixty-fifth year. He called them merely Recollections: he did not then know that he would record other and still earlier memories in the book called Years of Childhood. A Russian Schoolboy, the title chosen for this translation, is not a misnomer: when Aksakoff left Kazan in the spring of 1807, he was still a boy of fifteen, though his school had been promoted by imperial decree to the dignity of a university. As a student he wore a sword with his uniform, but little change took place in his occupations. His university studies are remarkable: he learnt no Greek, no Latin, no Mathematics, and very little Science - hardly anything but Russian and French; and even to these he seems to have given less time than to acting plays in the winter and collecting butterflies in spring and summer; fishing and shooting were reserved for the vacation. If our universities adopted such a pleasant curriculum,...



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