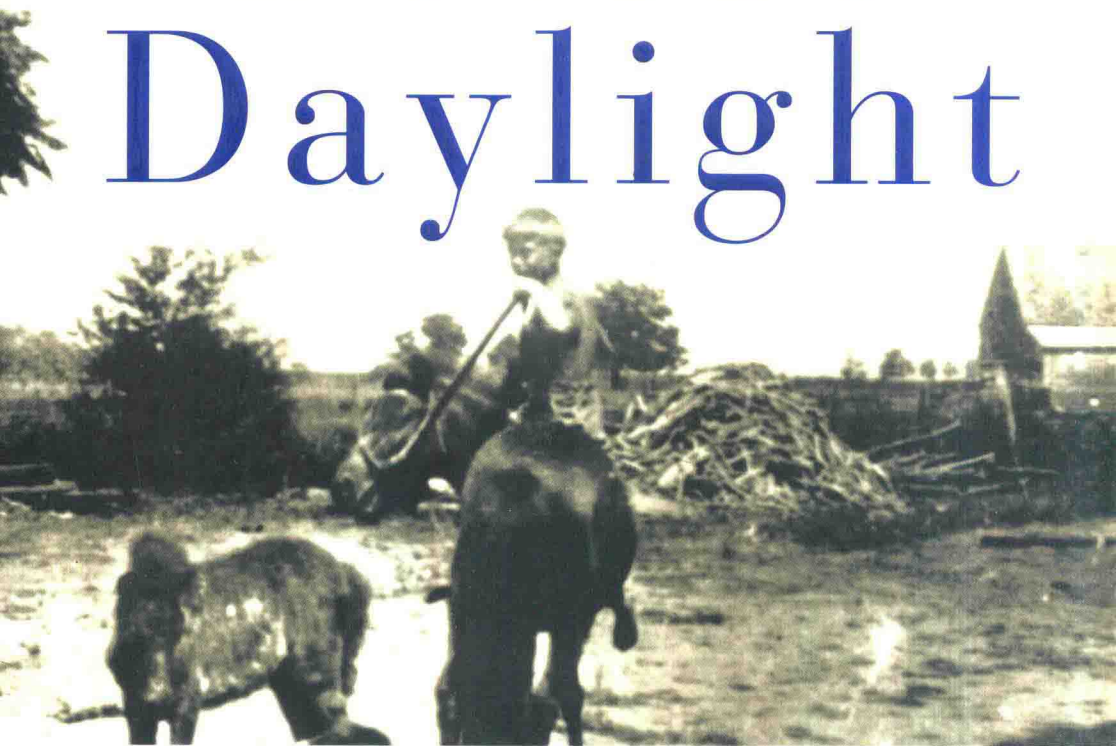


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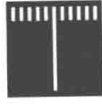
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*To my newest grandson, Hugo,  
with hopes that this book might someday let him  
better comprehend the lives of his ancestors.*



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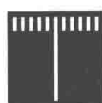
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