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In his new and valuable book, "Our National Parks," John Muir gives us a vivid account of his adventures in the wilderness, and a glimpse into the beauty and majesty of the natural world. Muir was a champion of wilderness preservation, and his work continues to inspire people around the world to protect our natural heritage.

For example, in the chapter on the Yellowstone National Park, Muir describes his encounter with a bear that had recently killed a member of his party. He writes:

"I was not afraid of the bear. I knew he was only doing his duty as a hunter. I saw him downing the slain pine, and I was not afraid. But when he turned his head and looked at me, I knew that he was not under the influence of my presence. He was only doing his duty, and I knew that he would not hurt me."

Muir's description of the bear is powerful and evocative, and it highlights the importance of understanding the natural world and respecting the creatures that inhabit it.

Overall, "Our National Parks" is a remarkable work of natural history and conservation, and it continues to be a valuable resource for anyone interested in the natural world.