



Five Years of My Life 1894-1899 Alfred Dreyfus	<p style="text-align: center;">Five Years of My Life 1894 - 1899 by Alfred Dreyfus</p> <p>Alfred Dreyfus, a Jewish captain in the French Army was court martialled in 1894 on a trumped up charge of treason and condemned to life imprisonment on Devil's island, a penal colony off French Guiana. His prison diary, published as Five Years of My Life in 1901 is a heroic tale of survival against daunting odds: isolation, deprivation, torture . . Alfred left behind in Paris his wife Lucie, who, forbidden to join her husband in exile, struggled to protect their two children from the rampant anti-Semitism that swirled about them, while she begged her husband to hold onto life as she tried to clear his name. Excerpts from the letters that Alfred and Lucie wrote to each other, between Devil's island and Paris, are included in Five Years. Their letters are one of the great love stories of all times. Five Years of My Life speaks to the fortitude, perseverance, and love of Alfred and Lucie Dreyfus, two innocent people snared in a web of evil. It is a book that unquestionably resonates with us today.</p> <p>Read for LibriVox by Sue Anderson Total running time 6:14:28</p> <p>This LibriVox recording is in the public domain and may be reproduced, distributed or modified without permission. The LibriVox objective is to make all books in the public domain available, for free, in audioformat on the Internet. For more information, or to volunteer, please visit librivox.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Cover image: Dreyfus in Prison, from <i>Le Petit Journal</i>, 1895. Cover designed by Availle. This design is in the public domain.</small></p>	Five Years of My Life 1894-1899 Alfred Dreyfus
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