

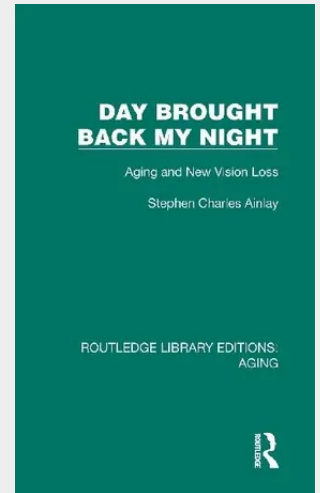
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Day Brought Back My Night

Aging and New Vision Loss

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