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Sommario/riassunto	Originally published in 1956, The Great Chain of Life brings a humanist's keen eye and ear to one of the great questions of the ages: "What am I?" A scholar of literature and theater, toward the end of his career Joseph Wood Krutch turned to the study of the natural world. Bringing his keen intellect to bear on the places around him, Krutch crafted some of the most memorable and important works of nature writing extant. Whether anticipating the arguments of biologists who now ascribe high levels of cognition to the so-called lower animals, recognizing the importance of nature for a well-lived