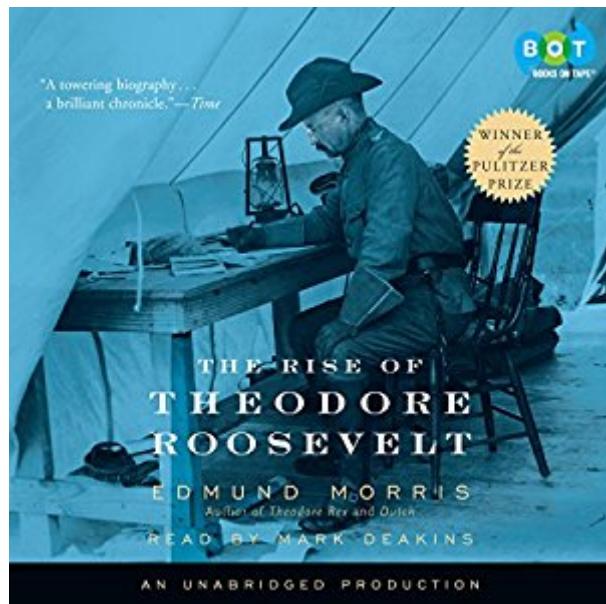


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# The Rise Of Theodore Roosevelt



## **Synopsis**

Described by the Chicago Tribune as "a classic," The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt stands as one of the greatest biographies of our time. The publication of The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt on September 14th, 2001 marks the 100th anniversary of Theodore Roosevelt becoming president. From the Trade Paperback edition. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I became interested in Theodore Roosevelt's life after seeing a preview for PBS's upcoming series the Roosevelts. I suddenly realized that although I know about every French ruler from the 1400 to the present, I know very little about my own American presidents. I first read River of Doubt, an exciting book about Theodore Roosevelt's treacherous expedition down the River of Doubt and South America. By the time I finished that book I had a great respect for and desire to know more about Theodore Roosevelt..... Which led me to The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt. This is simply the most interesting book I have read in the last year (and I read many, many books as a reviewer for two separate publishers). The writing is poetic, concise, and exceedingly intelligent. The work spans the entire life of Theodore Roosevelt, yet never feel dull or labored. I will be honest, deep analyses of politics tend to bore me, so I did pay speed read over certain sections that went into political issues - but only a few. I highly recommend this book. It would be difficult to read the rise of Theodore Roosevelt and not walk away with it immense respect for the man and pride for the president

The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt is a towering work that provides an intriguing and well written description of Theodore Roosevelt's life up until his ascending to the Presidency. The book starts, appropriately, with an account of 'Teedy's' childhood, recounting his unusual taste for taxidermy and natural sciences and portraying him as an unusual young man of generally poor health. As he matures, he builds himself up both mentally and physically. Trips to Maine for hunting led to relationships with backwoodsman, while trips out west led to a venture in ranching, while smattered with work as an assemblyman in the New York state senate. Roosevelt's painful loss of his first wife provides a tragic counterpoint to his energetic endeavors, but upon re-entering public life he becomes the Civil Service Commissioner, Police Commissioner for New York City, Assistant Secretary to the Navy, Governor of the state of New York, Vice-President of the United States...and President. A meteoric rise, indeed; and somewhere in there he found time to fight with the Rough Riders in Cuba. So much is covered in this work, and so well described as Theodore's activities that one feels to be right alongside with him in his adventures.

A really good book, winner of a Pulitzer, and the first of a trilogy. "Theodore Rex" and "Colonel Roosevelt" are the other two. I didn't know very much about TR, and, since he's usually listed as one of our best Presidents, I thought I'd find something out about him. This book painted a good picture of him personally and professionally. He basically helped bring the US into the 20th century from a third rate to a first rate power. He built up our military, helped establish our National Parks and the Forest Service, was the first to invite an African-American to dinner at the White House (Booker T. Washington), wrote a lot of books, established a treaty to build the Panama Canal and was basically what we'd call a Progressive Republican. Overall, I don't think I would have liked him either personally or professionally. He was an egotist, a hawk, an imperialist and liked to relax mostly by killing things. His favorites were bear, bison, antelope and Spaniards. He founded the Boone and Crockett Club, which protects wildlife from extinction so there are enough animals around to be shot and killed. It's long, around 800 pages, but a good read and I highly recommend it.

I read parts two and three first and finally got around to reading this book. Now I want to read the other ones again! Edmund Morris is a fantastic writer- there is never a dull moment in his coverage of TR, from a sickly child through his meteoric rise to the vice presidency. It also doesn't hurt that his subject was a force of nature. Morris shows example after example of Roosevelt's tireless work ethic and strenuous daily routine. Whether he was overriding his doctor's orders to stay inside,

cattle ranching in South Dakota and chasing outlaws, or charging up San Juan Hill, Theodore Roosevelt consumed life with intensity and unceasing energy. He was dealt more than his fair share of personal tragedies but refused to let them keep him down more than temporarily. It seems like every person who came in contact with him described him as being one-of-a-kind and knew he was destined to be something great. TR faced life head on and refused to let anyone dissuade him from something he wanted to do. His approach and attitude towards life is a great example for anyone to learn about. His actual real life achievements demonstrate what is possible, no matter how many people deny it or explain why something can't be done. Although he was undoubtedly a man of action, he was also a voracious reader and prolific writer. I highly recommend reading this book and then following it up with parts two and three. Like TR's life, there is never a dull moment.

The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt Edmund Morris I am on a chronological journey through the lives of the American Presidents, each one deepens my appreciation for this land we are abundantly blessed to be citizens of. This work has been a delight, so wonderfully told, it's rich intimacy brings the Man palpably alive in my imagination. The story reveals the person he was as well as those who swirled around him as he exploded through life. Thank you Edmund, for helping me suffer his profound sense of loss, his thrill of the chase, his indignation for the corrupted, his appreciation of the plight of others, his desire to be a force of change, his deep gratification experienced from those he lead. I have always liked the Caricature of Teddy that I grew up with. The stick figure of the man presented from the flimsy narrative presented in public school. Now I love the man he was. I am starting the next episode right after lunch, Theodore Rex.

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