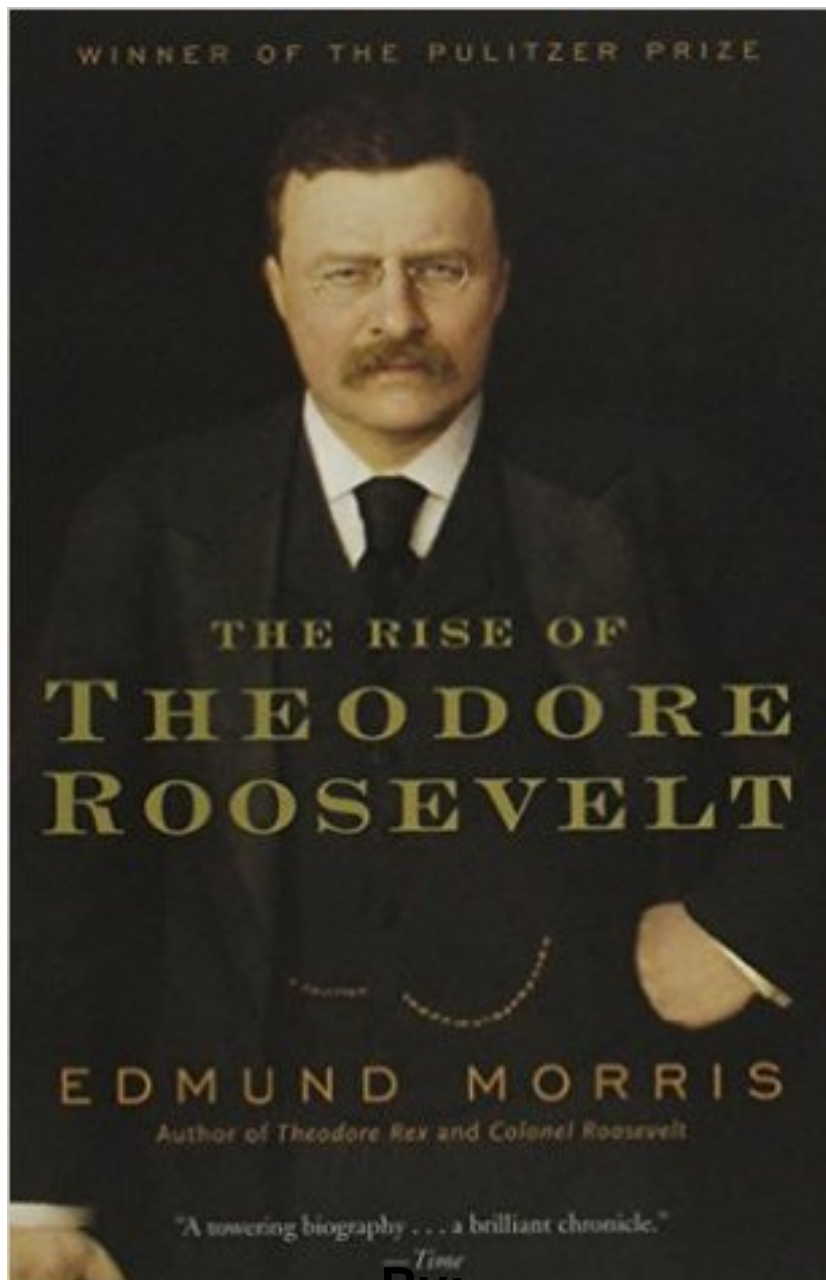


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The close attention in detail in 'Colonel Roosevelt' also extends to its choices of photographs.

Mr. Morris seems to have been determined to use startling lifelike picture rather than blandly studied ones.

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Post-Safari in 1910 America's showiest ex-president went to Europe and found himself greatly in demand. (..) While in Europe, Roosevelt fulfilled Taft's request that he join hordes of royalty at the funeral of Edward VII (..)

Back stateside Roosevelt made a concerted effort to avoid speaking ill of Taft. And Mr. Morris described exactly how that effort fell apart as Roosevelt developed aspirations for 1912. 'Although he was not running, he was running,' Mr. Morris writes. 'Even as he maintained his vow of silence, he was shouting from the hustings.' As 'Colonel Roosevelt' describes how Roosevelt's 'Bull Moose' campaign, via the breakaway Progressive Party, managed to hobble the Republican Taft and elect a Democrat, Woodrow Wilson, this book is at its most intensively political. Campaign events and calculations dominate this part of the story. And Mr. Morris's research is thorough enough to amplify an already well-documented part of the Roosevelt story.

## Chrissie

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## Laura

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2. I wanted to understand his family life.

3. I wanted a flavor for the times in which he lived. I wanted to know what it was like to live in the mid-to-late 1800s in America.

4. I wanted to be entertained. I wanted to learn something. I wanted to be moved. What do all of us want when we pick up a book? This is one of our best known presidents. Ideally, I wanted to come away with a great respect and admiration for the subject.

## Erik Graff

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In fact, the text was so engrossing that I finished it in a few days. Having just read another biography of the young Roosevelt, *Mornings on Horseback*, I had expected to be a bit bored by repetition. This was not the case. Even moreso than the other book, *The Rise* represents its subject as a distinctive, forceful personality--engaging yet incredible.

It also covers a longer span, taking Roosevelt up to his becoming President.

For me, Theodore Roosevelt is somewhat enigmatic. He was at once an aristocratic advocate for the American commonweal and a jingoistic advocate of imperialist adventurism. He was a prodigious hunter, the slayer of thousands and tens of thousands, and an early conservationist. He defended some of the interests of the domestic working class, of women and of children, but he was proud of having personally killed at least one Spanish soldier in the US invasion of Cuba, little concerned for the dubious pretext for the invasion or for the person and relations of the poor man he slayed. In this regard one is reminded of the true believers as regards our recent invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq--Roosevelt being exceptional in that he was a blueblood politician who actually participated at some risk in the foreign policy he advocated.

## **Matt**

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Republicans can support the fact that Teddy would be more than willing to go into those National Parks and blow the hell out of whatever animal crossed his path. A Democrat can support the fact that he was a social reformer (he palled around with Jacob Riis); Republicans can support the fact that he was tough on crime (he was the NYC Police Commissioner, after all). Democrats like that he was a trust buster; Republicans can get behind his muscular foreign policy (and he even killed a Spaniard, back when that meant something).

In

, Edmund Morris gives us the first in a planned trilogy on the overstuffed life of our 26th president. It begins with Teddy's birth in 1858 (he was a frail, tiny baby) and ends with his accidental ascension to the presidency in 1901, following the assassination of William McKinley. Between those dates are enough ups, downs, triumphs, tragedies, and adventures for a couple lives.

Teddy's defining principle is neatly summed up in his famous speech on citizenship in a republic, which he gave at the Sorbonne. You've read the speech, I'm sure, or at least the part about "the man who is actually in the arena" who should be glad knowing that "his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat." This quote has been repeated so many times, on so many Greek t-shirts on so many college campuses, that they've lost all meaning. It's very easy to believe these things. You'd have to be a contrarian

to believe them. But as Morris shows, Theodore Roosevelt was a man who lived the principles of doing, trying, daring.

He started as a sickly, asthmatic boy who liked insects and taxidermy. Before he was fifteen, he'd traveled the world: Europe, Egypt, and the Holy Land. Realizing his physical weakness, he embarked on an ambitious exercise regimen. He attended Harvard

and he liked to kill animals and stuff them. In other words, a renaissance man.