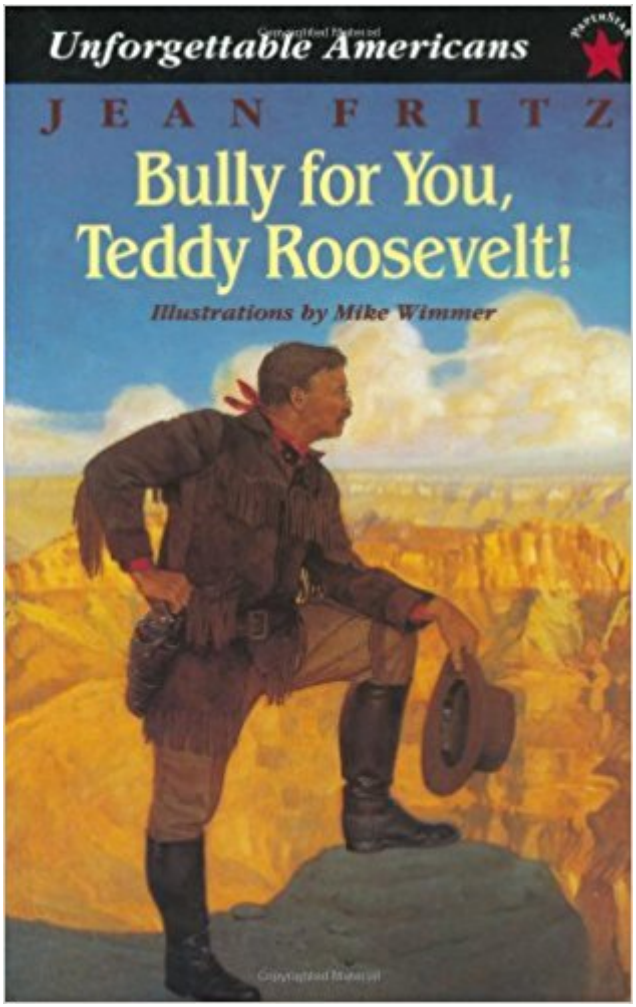
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Newbery Honor-winning author and preeminent biographer for young people, Jean Fritz, brings to life our colorful 26th president. Conservationist, hunter, family man, and politician, Teddy Roosevelt commanded the respect and admiration of many who marveled at his energy, drive and achievements. An ALA Notable Book. A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year.

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"On the whole," Theodore Roosevelt once wrote, "I have continued all my life to have a better time year after year." Roosevelt lived his life like the hero of a classic children's tale: he was a small, ailing boy who overcame his physical problems--seemingly by sheer enthusiasm and will power--to achieve a career filled with adventure, fun and success. As usual, Fritz (The Double Life of Pocahontas ; Shh! We're Writing the Constitution) makes the most of her material, as she presents an irresistible portrait of a unique, larger-than-life American. Roosevelt comes alive through such telling details as the clothes he wore (ever the dandy, he strutted through his stint as New York City's Police Commissioner in pink shirts and "a black silk cummerbund with tassels reaching to his knees"), the lively games he played with his children and homely observations: "Teddy couldn't get

along without a rocking chair. Even when he sat down to rest, he liked to feel that at least his chair was on the go." Fritz also chronicles T.R.'s political career and his impact on the nation through his work in conservation, legislation and tax reforms. This thoroughly entertaining biography can be summed up in one word: Bully! Ages 10-14. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Concluding her first chapter with the death of Roosevelt's father while Roosevelt was still at Harvard, Fritz includes a telling quote (``I felt stunned...he was everything to me''), then telegraphs her theme in her uniquely lucid, succinct style: ``In his distress, Teddy may have felt that...his boyhood was gone. If so, he would have been wrong. [He] would always be a boy. And...his father would always be looking over his shoulder.'' With judicious balance, Fritz surveys the salient facts-- Roosevelt's political rise, his groundbreaking work as reformer and environmentalist, his sturdy militarism-- illuminating them with revealing incidents especially interesting to young readers, from his early interest in natural history (at seven, he was diligently recording animals' measurements; he learned taxidermy just a few years later) to his indulgence toward his children's White House escapades. Each entrancing detail contributes to the larger picture of Roosevelt: active, imaginative, indefatigable, a man who left law school when he found that law ``had less to do with justice than he thought it should'' and diverted himself from grief with hard work. This colorful, idiosyncratic President, long a biographers' favorite, has never been portrayed with more beguiling wit, precision, and honesty. An excellent book, one of Fritz's best. Notes; bibliography; index. (Illustrations not seen.) (Biography. 10+) -- Copyright Ã Â©1991, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Bought several Teddy Roosevelt books for my son's 5th grade research project. This was his favorite. It was well written with a lot of information that he could use. He told me it was the best out of the 4 or 5 I bought. I read part of it and it was easy to read and enough detail that you could really learn from it but not too hard for using for kids.

Very enjoyable and breezy story of the full life of Theodore Roosevelt. We read this as a family, while touring our national parks and so enjoyed connecting with his love of nature.

This is the author of the year for 4th graders in Yonkers Public schools. I purchased the book and have it on my kindle. I always found Teddy Roosevelt to be a favorite of mine. Having my daughter

read or shared reading I find Teddy Roosevelt's life to be interesting. I think I would like to read more about him. It's an interesting book about Teddy having Asthma, his love for his father. His bird collection and countless other things that the book has brought to light. I think your children will enjoy this book.

Very good children's book on the life of Teddy Roosevelt. Jean Fritz is one of our favorite authors.

My 10 year old son read this book when assigned to write a paper about Teddy Roosevelt. It is a great book for kids as it touches on some aspects of his life that are interesting and relevant to kids, not just the more commonly known aspects of his life. It is a quick read that kept his interest. I read the book with him and found it informative and factually accurate from what I could tell. It really brought this amazing man to life.

I loved the book I have no idea I was going hi love it you need to read it you have to read it.

I'm only 10 and really liked reading the book, and recommend it for anyone who wants to learn about Theodore Roosevelt. And this book tells a story that feels like fiction but is nonfiction and is really great. I think you should read the book

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