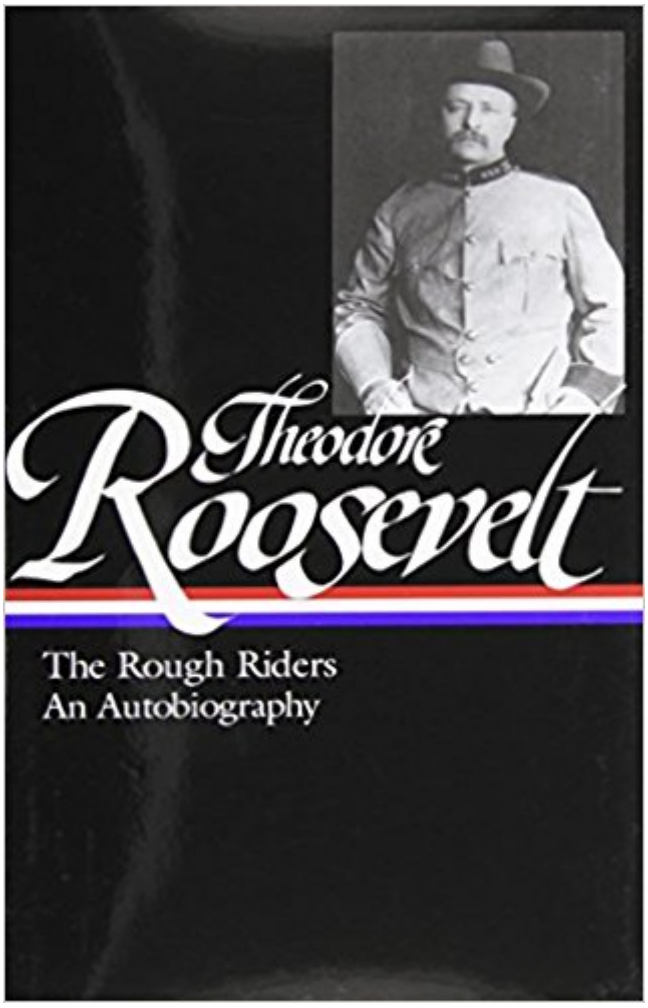
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Synopsis

Reformer, rancher, conservationist, hunter, historian, police commissioner, soldier, the youngest man ever to serve as president of the United States--no other American public figure has led as vigorous and varied a life as Theodore Roosevelt. This volume brings together two fascinating autobiographical works. The Rough Riders (1899) is the story of the 1st U.S. Volunteer Cavalry, the regiment Roosevelt led to enduring fame during the Spanish-American War. With his characteristic elan Roosevelt recounts how "these grim hunters of the mountains, these wild rough riders of the plains," endured the heat, hunger, rain, mud, and malaria of the Cuban campaign to charge triumphantly up the San Juan Heights during the Battle of Santiago. In An Autobiography (1913), Roosevelt describes his life in politics and the emergence of his progressive ideas. Surveying his career as a state legislator, civil service reformer, New York City police commissioner, assistant secretary of the navy, governor, and president, Roosevelt writes of his battles against corruption, his role in establishing America as a world power, his passionate commitment to conservation, and his growing conviction that only a strong national government and an energetic presidency could protect the public against the rapacious greed of modern corporations.

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Customer Reviews

Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919)Ã Â was the 26th president of the United States, the youngest man ever to serve in the office. In his vigorous and varied life he was also a reformer, rancher,

conservationist, hunter, prolific historian, police commissioner, soldier, and the 33rd governor of New York.Louis Auchincloss (1917-2010) was the author ofÃ Â more than 50 works of fiction, literary criticism, biography, and history.

Two terrific (or should that be ’bully’?) titles in one volume! "The Rough Riders" is a short, succinct account of TR’s campaign in Cuba which culminated in the charge for Kettle Hill. "An Autobiography" ends with TR leaving the White House in 1908, and includes his adventures as a hunter and rancher, as well as his political life. Famously, however, there is no mention at all of his tragically brief first marriage, or first wife.The most impressive chapters of the Autobiography relate to "The Natural Resources of the Nation", and "Social and Industrial Justice". This from a Republican politician. The difference between early 20th Century and early 21st Century Republicanism is almost unbelievable - and I know which I prefer!Never exactly a shrinking violet, TR strides across these pages like the larger-than-life personality he was. Sometimes the self-regarding picture is a little overdone and hard to take, but TR is so likeable he is easy to forgive. As his friend Cecil Spring-Rice said: "You must always remember the President is about six." What would be self-importance in others does indeed come across as child-like exuberance, an joyous sense of self.Classic texts, and still highly relevant today.

My review is not about the content of the book, which should be 5 start of course.I ordered the new print of the book and regret it so much. The printing quality of the book is very bad. The paper is not the original super thin and super white type, it is like regular computer printing paper. The paper is thick, dark, and smelly. It makes the book thick and the book has to have glue binding on back (even though it is also thread bund).Overall, the quality of this re-print is off mark. Order a used copy!

I am a huge admirer of Theodore Roosevelt; the life the man lived is incredible by all standards. He was a brilliant outdoorsman, politician, soldier, and author. His writing style is on par with the best writers of the day; his experiences are even better. Library Of America books are easily the best books for the price. The construction is more than solid, and the quality of the print is great. Easily worth every penny I paid.

This is a rare book, in that when you read it, you feel like you know T.R. personally. He describes in detail his military experiences in Cuba, and political career. His personal stories are fascinating and

he states his reasoning and motives for the political decisions he made. He has been criticized for being a progressive; ie "liberal". But I believe his politics are being taken out of context when viewed in relation to the era. For example, there were no child labor laws at that time. He gives great practical advice and even tremendous insight into marriage, which is found in a letter; in which he responds to a housewife that had written to him. Also, his dry humor is absolutely, deee-lightful!

Teddy Roosevelt dealt with a tough day when his mother and wife died on the same day, but through that struggle of trying to move on Teddy would go on to become President of USA and become a man who left his mark on history.

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very good book

My husband loves Theodore Roosevelt Rough Riders, thoroughly enjoyed this book, especially because it gives Roosevelt's account of his experience in his own words.

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