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He was only 42 years old when he was sworn in as President of the United States in 1901, making TR the youngest president ever. But did you know that he was also the first sitting president to win the Nobel Peace Prize? The first to ride in a car? The first to fly in an airplane? Theodore Roosevelt's achievements as a naturalist, hunter, explorer, author, and soldier are as much a part of his fame as any office he held as a politician. Find out more about The Bull Moose, the Progressive, the Rough Rider, the Trust Buster, and the Great Hunter who was our larger-than-life 26th president in *Who Was Theodore Roosevelt?*

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Natalie says

Good old Teddy Roosevelt. He always seems larger than life to me, like his personality is too big to contain.

A couple of fun facts:

*His daughter owned a pet snake named Emily Spinach.

*He was more focused on international matters than other presidents had. (Panama Canal)

*Loved nature and the frontier

*Rough Riders and Cuba - he was pretty fearless.

Kai C. says

September 27, who was Theodore Roosevelt, BY Michael Burgan

The book that I read was very interesting and I just wanted to keep reading. So Theodore Roosevelt was born in New York city on October 27, 1858. His father and mother raised him and three other kids. His father was a very rich man. Most of his child hood he battled against asthma and stayed inside for a while. He did love nature though, when he did go out side. He grew up and went to Harvard in 1876. There he realized that he liked history and public speaking. His dad died of cancer in 1878, which effected him a lot. In 1880 he studied law and married a girl named Alice lee. IN 1883 he was elected to the New York state assembly. After his first child was born his mom and wife both died of disease on the same morning of the same day. He got a new wife and had four more kids. He was the secretary of the navy but once the spanish american war started he resined and became head of a cal very unit that would eventually be called the rough riders. The war ended in a year and a couple years later her an for president and won. He served two terms as president and lost his third race for president. Three years later he was about to give a speech when a man pulled out a pistol and fired one shot. The bullet luckily hit his spectacles case and his folded up speech. In during WW1, all of his sons joined the military. One of his sons named kermit was in the armies air force and was shot down and killed by a German plane. That was very sad for him. In 1919 he died in his home on his couch after he fell asleep that night.

I think that the main idea and the theme of this story is that you can accomplish a lot if you try. Teddy Roosevelt was police chief, secretary of the navy, leader of a Calvary unit, governor, political figure, hunter, rancher, and the president of the United States of America. He did a lot of things in his life and he worked hard and did well at every thing he accomplished. This is the theme of course because it was telling me on how he struggled and seceded in life. He did work hard to do all of this and plus he tried to be the president for a third time but it didn't work out. There was one president a bit later who he didn't think would be a good president so he tried again and created the Bull moose party. So the theme is defiantly if you work hard you can accomplish a lot.

Anh Pham says

This is my first book in the series "Who was". It is really interesting and funny (sometimes) book. I learned many new facts about Roosevelt and also his contribution.

I highly recommend it.

Becky B says

A biography of Theodore Roosevelt for middle grades.

I just read *Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt* and wondered how this compared. It turns out the two complement each other quite well. They both cover several things the other missed. This one focuses more on Roosevelt's family life and political highlights. The other one gives more details about his life out West, the tricky spots of his political career, and adventures in war and abroad. So it turns out, if you read both you get a fuller picture of the man and some behind the scenes things about different highlights. Of course, both cover all the biggest events in Roosevelt's career but they do so from different angles. This one is more cut and dry in style, the other is more emotive. They are both about the same length and illustrated. I really can't say which one is a better biography because I think they are pretty equal but better when you read them together.

Notes on content: No language issues or sexual content. The attempt on Roosevelt's life is related and just some bleeding mentioned. Roosevelt's part in the Spanish-American War is very briefly related, with very few gory details. Deaths and injuries of Roosevelt's sons in WWI are also mentioned, but not gory.

Greg says

Clearly targeted at a (much) younger audience, but was looking for an overview of one of history's great characters and, on that basis, it delivered. Looking forward to reading more detailed works on Theodore Roosevelt ... any suggestions?

Rachel Reads Ravenously says

Reading level ages 8-12 years.

Recommended for: kids who have a biography project.

Detailing his many achievements as well as covering his life, this is a biography of one of our most interesting presidents. This book covers his early childhood to his death and all of the important and fascinating facts about him. Did you know Roosevelt's sons name was Kermit? Or that he won the Nobel Peace Prize?

This is more a review of the Who Was?Is? series as a whole. This series which at the moment contains ninety-one books, is a perfect resource for tweens who need help with their projects and homework, or who

are just interested in biographies. Formatted as a chapter book, the book flies by for the reader and is always covering interesting facts, unknown and well known. There are also sketches amongst the pages, but not large enough to be illustrations. They do a great job of highlighting the information and not taking over the entire book.

I chose Theodore Roosevelt because he is someone I am familiar with, and was pleasantly surprised to find a vast amount of interesting information about him in such a tiny source. This series is also trustworthy in terms of information and any librarian/teacher should feel comfortable giving this to a tween to read for correct information.

Aidan says

I read who was Theodore Roosevelt by Michael Burden . The setting takes place mostly in Boston and Washington, D.C. This book is a very good book and I think a lot of readers should read this book. Theo was born near a boat port and his family was very wealthy. His father thought he was going to be a handsome adult. His mother did not think that he was going to be a handsome kid or adult. When theo grew up he also like nature and always studied birds and nature. Later on he became president and went on hunting trips a lot of the free time he had. Theo would always go with his son to places all over the world to hunt. Theo traveled to the national park and made it bigger and better. Theo also made a bird sanctuary. The birds were protected and could not be hunted. They could have freedom and food. Later on theo died and everybody would remember how good of a president he was.

AMY says

106 pages. Well-written information on a historical figure and famous president. Author explains his life in enough detail that an elementary student could do a great report. Illustrations and other added information like a timeline at the end is very helpful. Highly recommended for grades 4-6.

Daisy says

That's awesome book! Theodore Roosevelt,26th president of USA,is my first favourite president. Abraham Lincoln,16th president of USA, is my second favourite president and Barack Obama,44th president of USA,is my third favourite president. Theodore Roosevelt is one of most famous presidents in the world. He is very hard-working, overspoken,strict,polite,funny and handsome man in the world.

Elissa Schaeffer says

This was my first "Who Was..." book. I had to try them out seeing how they are so SUPER popular at my library. Of course, I chose Teddy Roosevelt as he's one of my favorite presidents. I can now see why kids like these so much. These are packed with information, presented in an intelligent and accessible way, and are just the right length for the target reading level/age group.

Very recommended, grades 3 and up.

Corbyn says

December Book Review(nonfiction)

Who Was Theodore Roosevelt?

By Michael Burgan

Theodore Roosevelt was one of the greatest presidents that ever lived and this great book tells you all about his life step by step. Roosevelt was born in New York on October 17th, 1858. After a great childhood, roosevelt graduates from college and married Alice lee. Shortly after his marriage he has his first kid, but then his wife and mom die February 14th, Valentine's Day, leave his heart broken. After a few years, Roosevelt married Edith Carow, and went on to have four more children, leaving Roosevelt with five children. Ten Roosevelt becomes president for eight years, after the previous president was assassinated. Now Roosevelt takes over and makes the country the best it has been. On the next election Roosevelt easily wins. Now he is his second term, and still his making Americans Happy and excited for the next four years. Roosevelt preserved natural land, helped make the Panama Canal for shorter access from western states to travel on sea to eastern states, and even helps Cuba with their troubles. After another great four years, he loses one of his son's, Quinten. After the heart-braking moment for Roosevelt he dies on January 6th, 1919, and was and still is known for one of the best presidents the United States of America has ever elected into office.

Main Idea

I belief that the main idea of this book is "anyone can be who they want to be". The reason I think this is because Theodore Roosevelt loved politics and wanted to be a president, not just any president, but a good president who would change the country into a masterpiece. Roosevelt work very. very hard to accomplish his goal and be one of the best president's ever to live. Which he accomplished eventually. Even though he suffered loses of 3 loved ones, one including his son. This is what I think the main idea of this story is, due to the amount of time he dreamed about being president, and working hard to achieve it.

Yvonne says

I was a bit disappointed in this book. It was good with the early years but not so good with the end years and didn't talk much about him almost dying during his trip to the amazon. But a good overview.

Faiza Sattar says

The book very conveniently whitewashes:

-American imperialism (seeds of which were sown in Cuba and Panama)

-Teddy's maxim "Speak softly and carry a big stick"

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Brodie says

September; Who was Theodore Roosevelt; Michael Burgan

I read Who was Theodore Roosevelt, and although it was a nonfiction book it still was interesting and full of interesting facts about Theodore Roosevelt. Throughout the story, Theodore Roosevelt goes on many adventures to different countries such as, Panama. While in the White House Theodore Roosevelt, Purchased Panama, to build a giant canal through the country. At a young age Theodora Roosevelt got married to a woman named, Alice who had 1 kid together. Later that year Theodore's wife Alice, and his mom died! ON THE SAME DAY!

The Main Idea of "Who Was Theodore Roosevelt" was about teaching readers about Theodore's adventures, awards, and even, some of his problems. Some of the Themes were traveling, exploring and even getting shot by John Schrank, and how the shooting affected him. In parts of the book Theodore won awards, in other part he was battling against enemies. He created a group of people called the " The Rangers." They fought against people who were fighting for the bad.

Kylie Renee says

Very informational.
