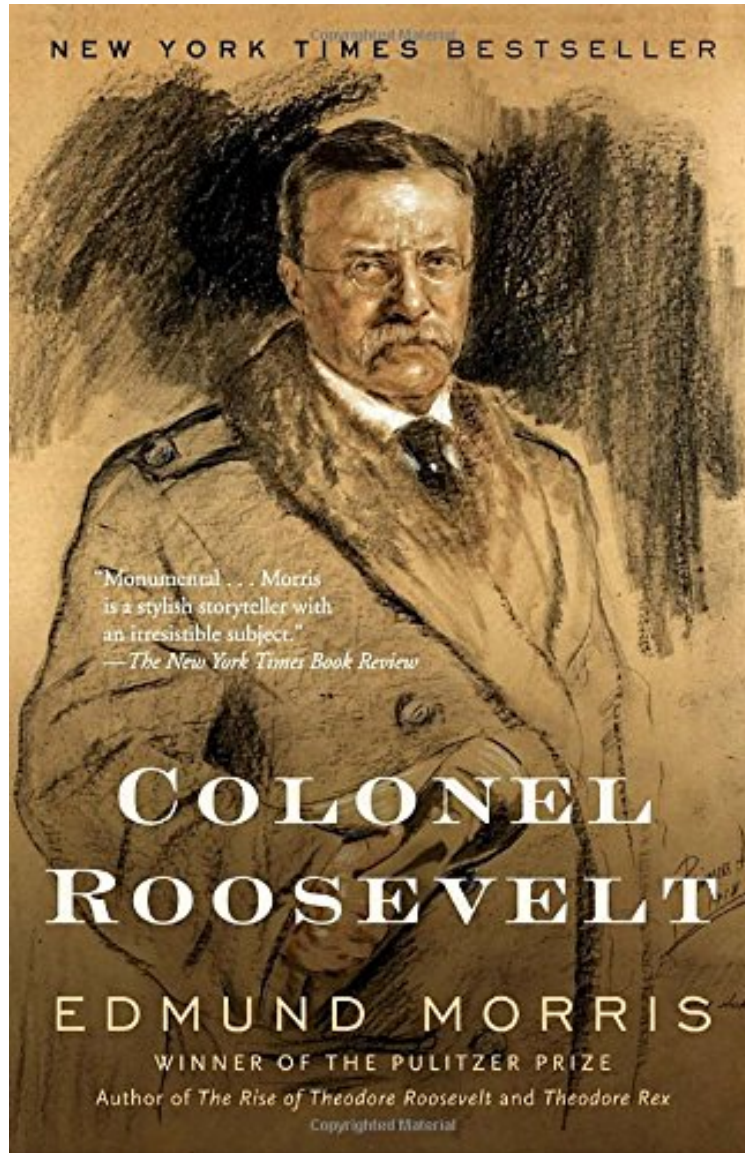


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This biography by Edmund Morris, the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winning author of *The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt* and *Theodore Rex*, marks the completion of a trilogy sure to stand as definitive. Of all our great presidents, Theodore Roosevelt is the only one whose greatness increased out of office. What other president has written forty books, hunted lions, founded a third political party, survived an assassin's bullet, and explored an unknown river longer than the Rhine? Packed with more adventure, variety, drama, humor, and tragedy than a big novel, yet documented down to the smallest fact, this masterwork recounts the last decade of perhaps the most amazing life in American history.

From *Bookmarks Magazine* Now with *Colonel Roosevelt*, announced the *New York Times*, the magnum opus is complete. Morris's balanced examination of the final years of Roosevelt's life highlights the slow but inexorable waning of his political and, ultimately, physical power. Equally adept at political explication and recounting adventure tales, Morris injects new life, and even suspense, into some familiar stories with his wry, minimalist prose perfectly suited to his subject's volatile personality and an abundance of rich detail grounded in meticulous research. Although the *Wall Street Journal* took issue with Morris's political analysis, that critic still considered *Colonel Roosevelt* a poignant and factual account of the 26th President's post-White House years. A tour de force befitting its seismic subject, *Colonel Roosevelt* brings this extraordinary trilogy to a triumphant end. From *Booklist* *Starred* Morris completes his fully detailed, correlatively dynamic triptych of the restless, energetic, on-the-move first President Roosevelt, following *The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt* (1979), the title self-explanatory in terms of its coverage of TR's life, and *Theodore Rex* (2001), about his presidency. Now the author presents *Colonel Roosevelt*, the title by which Roosevelt chose to be called during his post-presidential years (in reference, of course, to his military position during the Spanish-American War). This is the sad part of TR's life; this is the stage of his life story in which it is most difficult to accept his self-absorption, self-importance, and self-righteousness, but it is the talent of the author, who has shown an immaculate understanding of his subject, to make Roosevelt of continued fascination to his readers. In essence, this volume tells the story of TR's path of disenchantment with his chosen successor in the White House, William Taft, and his attempt to resecure the presidency for himself. The important theme of TR's concomitant decline in health is also a part of the narrative. We are made aware most of all that of all retired presidents, TR was the least likely to fade into the background. --Brad Hooper Monumental . . . Morris is a stylish storyteller with an irresistible subject. *The New York Times Book Review* *Colonel Roosevelt* is compelling reading, and [Edmund] Morris is a brilliant biographer who practices his art at the highest level. . . . The writing is vivid in its restraint, powerful in its precision and shapely in its structure and vision. Morris has a way of making aspects of Roosevelt's life and values relevant in both dark and bright ways. A moving, beautifully rendered account of Roosevelt's near-death by assassination during the campaign of 1912 resonated for this reader with all the emotion of the assassinations of our recent history. Fred Kaplan, *The Washington Post* Hair-raising . . . awe-inspiring . . . a worthy close to a trilogy sure to be regarded as one of the best studies not just of any president, but of any American. *San Francisco Chronicle* Reading Edmund Morris on Theodore Roosevelt is like listening to Yo-Yo Ma play Bach: you know from the first note you're in inspired hands. *The Washingtonian* [A]

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