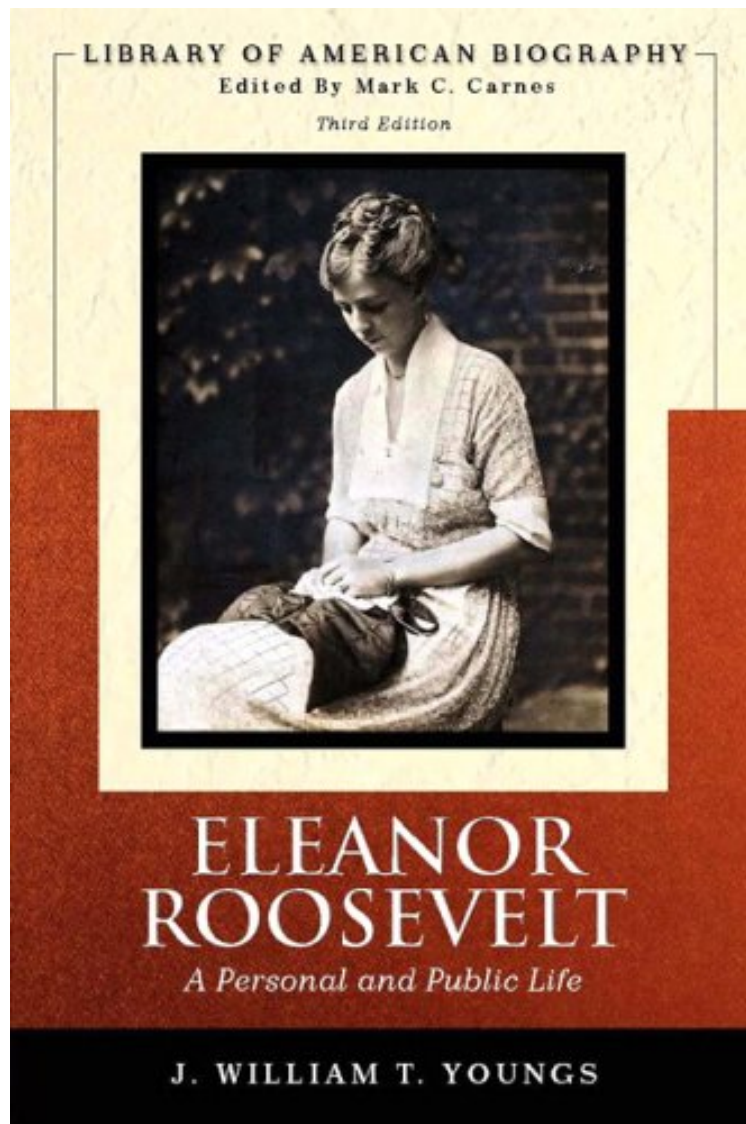


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Hickok, her stance on the Equal Rights Amendment, her contributions to civil rights, her wartime activities, and her postwar liberalism. The fundamental design of the book remains as it was in the first edition. When I wrote *Eleanor Roosevelt: A Personal and Public Life*, I intended to draw a portrait that would explore Eleanor's public career within the framework of her personal growth, including her childhood and her intimate life as an adult. The era of the Monica Lewinsky scandal has brought to the fore a journalistic intrusiveness undreamed of in Eleanor Roosevelt's lifetime. Arguably, Eleanor's extraordinary legacy in public life was made possible in part by her ability to maintain a sphere of privacy around her personal life although as her fame grew, that sphere contracted. Fortunately for students of history, Eleanor and her friends left an abundant record of her personal life, to be explored for the most part after her death. Since the initial publication of *Eleanor Roosevelt: A Personal and Public Life*, the book has acquired new life in several electronic forms. It is available as a recording, in a superb reading by Donada Peters for Books on Tape. For the second edition I am preparing material for a site on the World Wide Web, where I will include photographs and new information on such topics as the debate over Eleanor Roosevelt's stance on women's rights. The URL for the site is www.narhist.ewu.edu/er/er.html. My own e-mail address is jyoungs@ewu.edu like most authors, I am always glad to receive mail with observations and questions about my writing. J. William T. Youngs Cheney, 1999