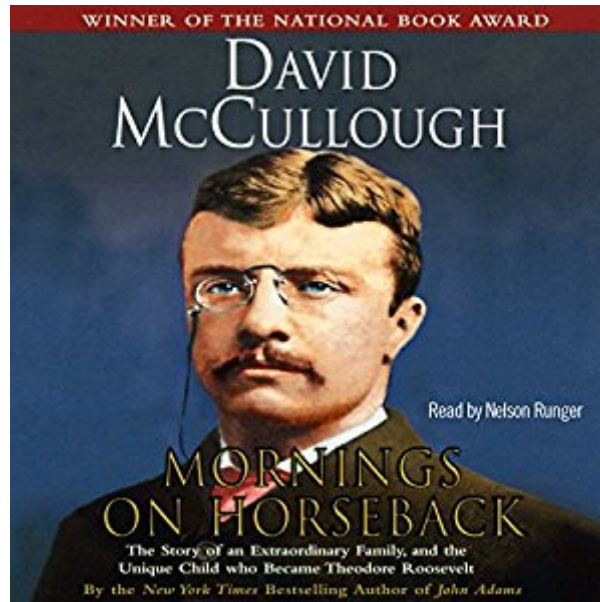




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Synopsis

From the number-one New York Times best-selling author of John Adams Winner of the 1982 National Book Award for Biography, *Mornings on Horseback* is the brilliant biography of the young Theodore Roosevelt. Hailed as a masterpiece by *Newsday*, it is the story of a remarkable little boy - seriously handicapped by recurrent and nearly fatal attacks of asthma - and his struggle to manhood. His father - the first Theodore Roosevelt, "Greatheart" - is a figure of unbounded energy, enormously attractive and selfless, a god in the eyes of his small, frail namesake. His mother - Mittie Bulloch Roosevelt - is a Southerner and celebrated beauty. *Mornings on Horseback* spans 17 years, from 1869, when little "Teedie" is 10, to 1886, when he returns from the West a "real life cowboy" to pick up the pieces of a shattered life and begin anew, a grown man, whole in body and spirit. This is a tale about family love and family loyalty... about courtship, childbirth and death, fathers and sons... about gutter politics and the tumultuous Republican Convention of 1884... about grizzly bears, grief and courage, and "blessed" mornings on horseback at Oyster Bay or beneath the limitless skies of the Badlands.

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Customer Reviews

Great book. I listened to it more or less in one sitting on a cross country drive. I've noticed criticizing TR is kind of in vogue among conservatives lately after people have compared Barak Obama to him. After listening to this I don't really think that's fair just as I don't think the comparison is

legitimate. This is the story of an American Family that in many ways is the ideal we should all strive to be. From the book you get a sense that the Roosevelts of that era really took the well-being of their fellow man to heart in a way that transcends party politics or partizan ideology. The narrative abounds with humor, joy, victory, defeat, despair and tragedy. A wonderful study illuminating the fact that great men don't happen by accident. Highly Recommended it.

It was a good book but but I preferred "The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt" and its sequel "Theodore Rex". After the first two this got so repetitious. If you aren't going to read the first two I would certainly read this. He was a fascinating man.

I found the book tedious, and in the end didn't have a particularly good feel for the Teddy Roosevelt that ultimately became President of the US. The book never came to life, making me want to know more about the man, or his family. I love this genre of historical non-fiction, so it was not the subject, but the style. Too much fact recitation, and not enough anecdotal personal story-telling to bring the characters too life. By contrast, I am now reading Doris Kearns Goodwin's book on Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt during WWII time, and it comes to life immediately and has been engaging throughout, both regarding the protagonists, who they are, and their historical context.

David McCullough is the premier master of American biography and history. This aspect of Theodore Roosevelt's life might be overlooked but McCullough makes it a spellbinding story about such a great man and how he became great. No novel could be so fascinating. Just wish we had more from this very great author.

I have a TR fascination. This is my favorite TR books, even more so than the E. Morris Part I that covers the same time frame in his life, which is also very good. There is just something about McCullough's writing.

David McCullough's books have taught me more about our American history than I could have ever learned through dull history books. His books read almost like a novel. After I finished *MORNINGS ON HORSEBACK*, this President Roosevelt was no longer just one of our former Presidents, but a remarkable man with an indomitable spirit. Where are leaders like him today?

Any thing by David McCullough is a favorite in this house. This is an exceptional story.

Fair Text by David McCullough, it really focuses more on the family Roosevelt's instead of Teddy himself which was a major let down. Secondly my copy was old with the ugly original cover which is nothing like it is now. Also my paper back copy just looks terrible on my book shelf don't be like me spend a-little more and get the updated Hard Back edition. It is a fair text by definitely not in line with David McCullough's best "John Adams" "Wright Brothers" "1776" Honestly I was a major fan of 1776 it was okay but nothing super great or exciting John Adams was vastly better ~

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