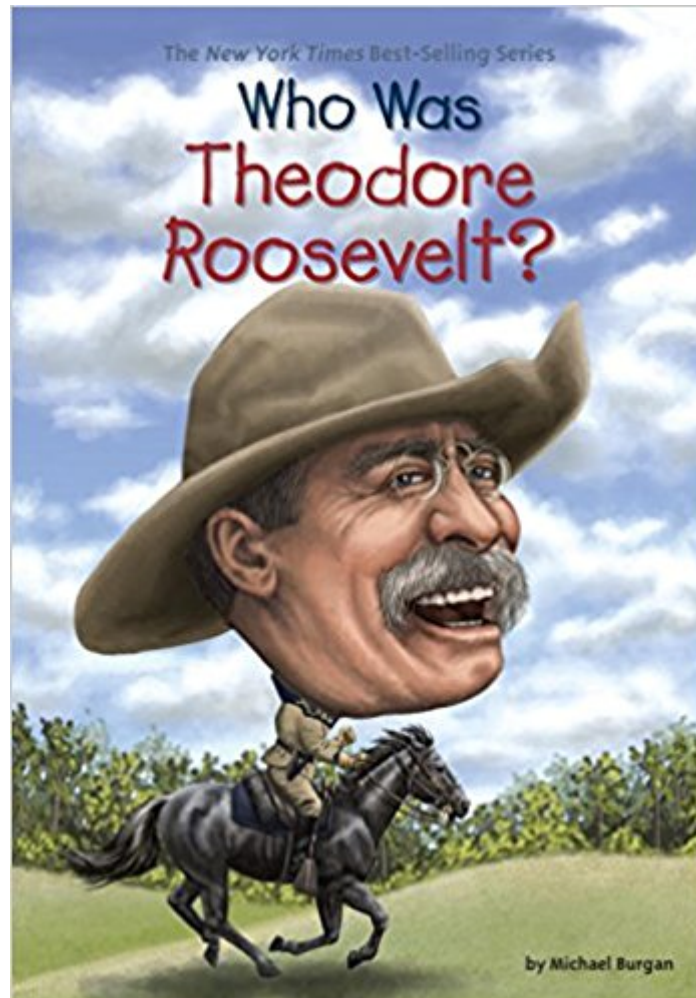




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# Who Was Theodore Roosevelt?



## Synopsis

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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have inspired me

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On October 14, 1912, a Milwaukee, Wisconsin, crowd eagerly waited to hear Theodore Roosevelt speak. Roosevelt had served as president of the United States several years before, and he was campaigning once again for his old job. His speech was written on fifty pages of paper that he had folded and stuck in his upper jacket pocket. Outside his hotel, Roosevelt never saw the saloonkeeper who approached him with a gun drawn. Someone in the crowd did see the gun and pushed the would-be assassin's arm away, just as the trigger was pulled. The shooter fired once and Roosevelt fell to the ground, but quickly rose. He did not know he had been hit until someone noticed a hole in his overcoat. When he reached inside his coat, he realized he had been wounded. The bulky, folded speech in his pocket, along with the steel case for his glasses, saved his life. Although he was bleeding, Roosevelt insisted that he give the speech. The crowd could not believe that he would continue to speak rather than go to the hospital after being shot. But Roosevelt told them, "It takes more than that to kill a bull moose." "Bull Moose" was just one of the nicknames Theodore Roosevelt earned during his long career in politics. Some of the others were Teedie, TR, Teddy (a nickname he hated), and the Trust Buster. But Bull Moose was a good choice for a man who was physically strong and who was always determined to do things his way. "I care not what others think of what I do, but I care very much about what I think of what I do! That is character!" he famously said. The Bull Moose was certainly a man of great character.

## Chapter 1 New York Boyhood

In 1858, New York City was the largest city in the United States. Almost eight hundred thousand people lived there! Ships arrived at its port carrying a wide variety of goods, including fabric, clothing, and food, along with people from many countries. Horse-drawn carriages rumbled down crowded streets. And on October 27 of that year, Theodore Roosevelt Jr. was born there. His father, Theodore Sr., thought the newborn was a pretty baby, but his mother, Martha, nicknamed Mittie, wasn't so sure. She thought her new son looked like a turtle. The Roosevelts already had a daughter named Anna. She and young Theodore were later joined by a little brother, Elliott, and then baby Corinne. For a time Mrs. Roosevelt's sister, Annie Bulloch, also lived with the family. Teedie, as his parents soon called Theodore, was part of a family that had deep roots in America. The first Roosevelt had come to New York from the Netherlands in 1644. The family bought plate glass in Europe and sold it in America. Teedie's family was quite wealthy. Mr. Roosevelt believed in using his time and his money to help others. One of his concerns was helping orphaned children in New York City to find homes.

## ROOSEVELT HOME IN NEW YORK CITY

I love these biographies for my fifth grade classes. They are written in a way that is entertaining, which can be tough with the biography genre. This book begins by explaining the incident where Roosevelt was shot while giving a speech, but kept right on talking. My fifth graders were interested right away since the beginning was so catchy! All I had to do was read them the beginning, and then many students wanted to borrow it. Since then I've had more and more students want to borrow different "Who Was" books I have in my classroom library. The illustrations give it just enough interest to keep them reading. I also liked how there were different features like timelines, etc. that help me to teach them text features. This is a great book for a fifth grader, or any student in an upper elementary or middle school grade.

Bought for my daughters book report for 3rd grade. She enjoyed reading it, decent amount of pictures to keep her intrigued. She got a 99 on the report, so can't complain.

Bought for the grandkiddos, they love them, thanks!!!!

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Great resource for my son's fifth grade book report. Valuable information was presented on various aspects of President Roosevelt's life with lively illustrations that kept my son engaged in learning. I learned a lot too!

This is a good book because it uses more than one point of view. It was fabulous in many ways. My 5th grade son learned a lot for his President report.

Good

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