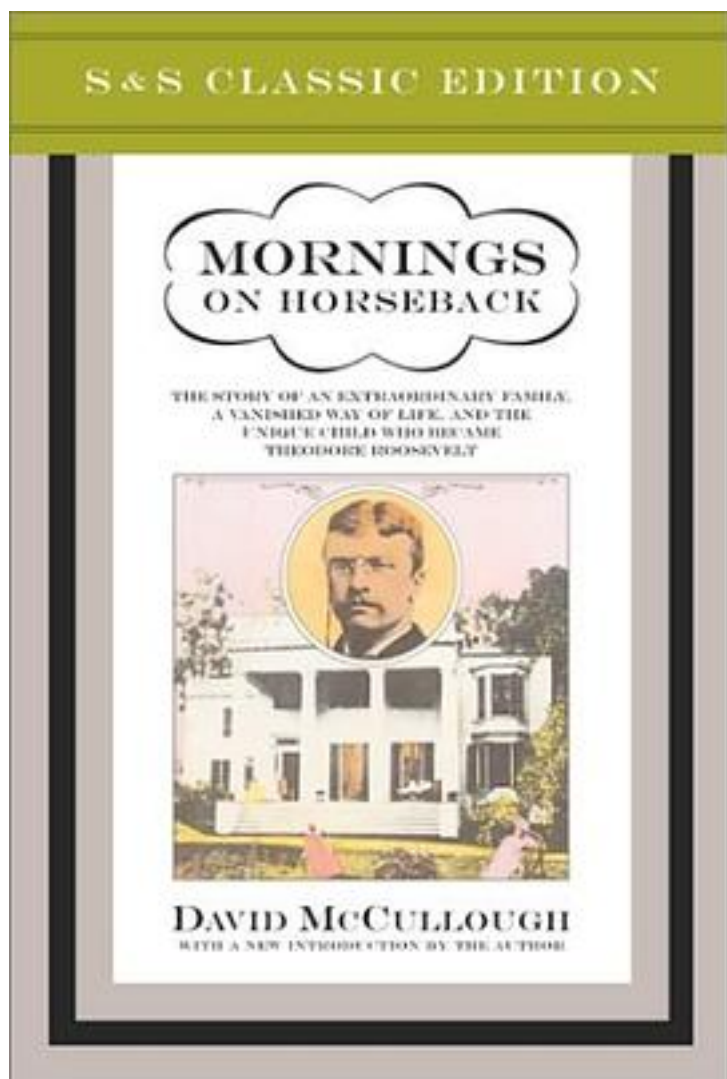


Mornings on Horseback



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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 also won the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize for Biography. Now with a new introduction by the author, *Mornings on Horseback* is reprinted as a Simon & Schuster Classic Edition. *Mornings on Horseback* is about the world of the young Theodore Roosevelt. It is the story of a remarkable little boy, seriously handicapped by recurrent and nearly fatal attacks of asthma, and his struggle to manhood: an amazing metamorphosis seen in the context of the very uncommon household (and rarefied social world) in which he was raised. His father is the first Theodore Roosevelt, "Greatheart," 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, but also considerably more, which the book makes clear as never before. There are sisters Anna and Corinne, brother Elliott (who becomes the father of Eleanor Roosevelt), and the lovely, tragic Alice Lee, Teddy Roosevelt's first love. And while such disparate figures as Abraham Lincoln, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, and Senator Roscoe Conkling play a part, it is this diverse and intensely human assemblage of Roosevelts, all brought to vivid life, which gives the book its remarkable power. The book spans seventeen years -- from 1869 when little "Teedie" is ten, to 1886 when, as a hardened "real life cowboy," he returns from the West to pick up the pieces of a shattered life and begin anew, a grown man, whole in body and spirit. The story does for Teddy Roosevelt what *Sunrise at Campobello* did for FDR -- reveals the inner man through his battle against dreadful odds. Like David McCullough's *The Great Bridge*, also set in New York, this is at once an enthralling story, with all the elements of a great novel, and a penetrating character study. It is brilliant social history and a work of important scholarship, which does away with several old myths and breaks entirely new ground. For the first time, for example, Roosevelt's asthma is examined closely, drawing on information gleaned from private Roosevelt family papers and in light of present-day knowledge of the disease and its psychosomatic aspects. At heart it is a book about life intensely lived...about family love and family loyalty...about courtship and childbirth and death, fathers and sons...about winter on the Nile in the grand manner and Harvard College...about gutter politics in washrooms 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. "Black care rarely sits behind a rider whose pace is fast enough," Roosevelt once wrote. It is the key to his life and to much that is so memorable in this magnificent book.

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这是一个发生在十九世纪后半期的美国的拼爹的故事。它虽然拿到美国国家图书奖，但整体令人失望，通篇洋溢了作者对高帅富的崇敬之情，虽然高帅富本身没什么错，但删掉那些崇敬之处，多写点干货会更好。看完书还是不明白为何一个小时腼腆体弱的孩子大学后忽然成为政治明星。作者光顾舔高帅富了，很多细节和情况没交代清楚。

青年西奥多罗斯福的传记（止于28岁）。Harvard中那个古怪而富于激情、乐于竞争的少年令人钦叹。Glory Days
中自由而艰苦的马背岁月正有别于颓靡的网络生活。本书亮点是囊括了许多与家人的书信来往，细致地记述了青年罗斯福的成长。但对于想要了解完整生平的我来说，这本书

并非最佳选择。。

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