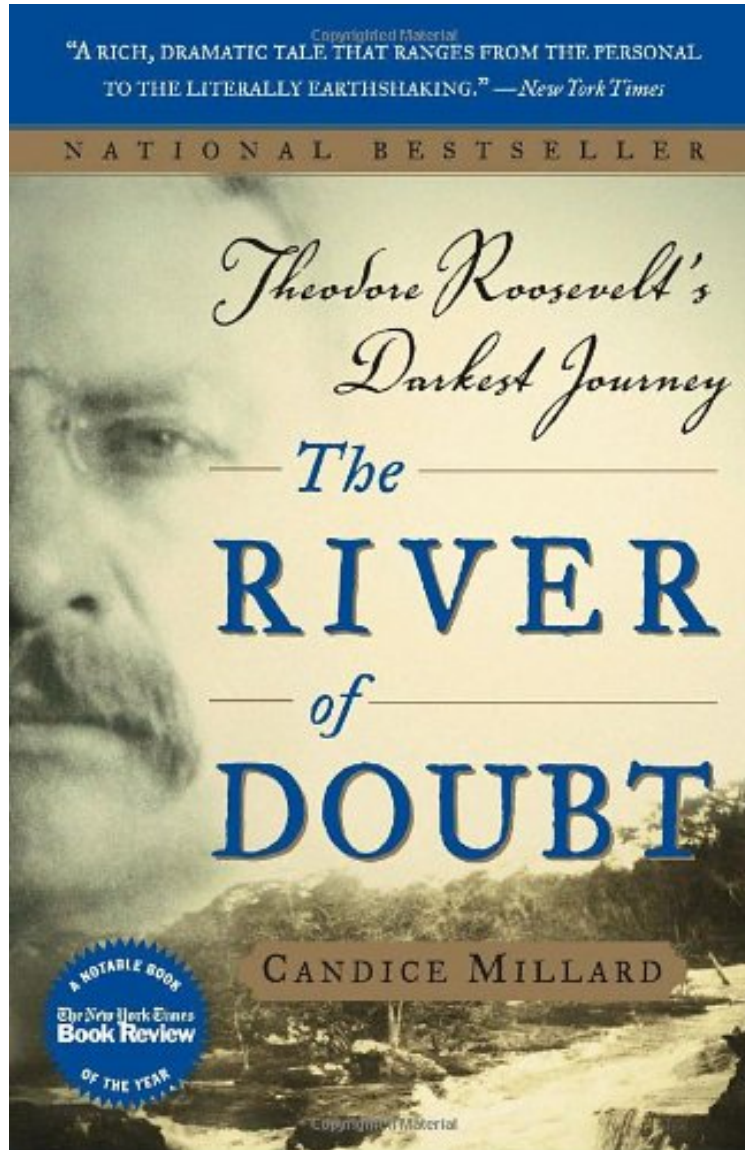


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Candice Millard : The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. But he managed to get himself out of it successfully as he always did and we're the lucky ones to enjoy the telling of itBy MartiniOh goodness, what a story.Theodore Roosevelt could get himself into the darnest messes and he sure did with this adventure.But he managed to get himself out of it

successfully as he always did and we're the lucky ones to enjoy the telling of it. If you're a TR fan this is a must read for you. Not a boring minute on the whole excursion and not a boring second in the whole book. You'll certainly be glad you read it. Now I'm going back to read it again. And probably many more times. It's that good. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Gripping Narrative By Retiree The author is a gripping narrator. I had previously read her *Destiny of the Republic*, which I found so compelling that I searched for other books she had written. That led me to this one. Theodore Roosevelt was one of the most original characters in American history (see Edmund Morris' three volume biography). His life was filled with challenging, courageous adventures, and this was surely his most challenging and most courageous. It is a wonder any member of this expedition lived to tell about it. It is impossible to put down this compelling story. Millard has thoroughly researched, painstakingly organized, and masterfully written this book. Her writing style is fluid and spell-binding. My only criticism relates to a small bit of her history. Among the many dangers encountered by this expedition was being stalked by a Stone Age Indian tribe, the Cinta Larga. The Cinta Larga was so isolated that civilization did not make contact with them until the late 1960s, more than a half century after they stalked the Roosevelt mission. Yet the book tells us in significant detail what these invisible stalkers were thinking and discussing as they were deciding whether to attack the Roosevelt mission. I was so surprised by this that after I finished the book, I searched her notes for some factual basis for these assertions. Her notes indicate that she interviewed some members of the tribe, but that must have been at least three generations after the events recorded. While she may have some basis for speculating on what went through the minds of the stalkers, I would have preferred for her to temper that part of the chronicle with "probably" and "likely," rather than reporting it as fact. But that criticism should not be read as tainting the book as a whole, which is superb. I highly recommend this book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent, well-researched book about a very interesting person By Erick G. Intriguing and well-written story about a period in the life of an ex-US president that most Americans don't know about. As the book description indicates, it tells of Roosevelt's exploration of an unmapped and unexplored region of the rain forest. Millard is a natural story teller, with the ability to intertwine multiple lines into one fluid story. It was extremely well researched, as I learned some fascinating things about nature that I had never heard of before. The section on the predators and parasites was absolutely fascinating. A very compelling story about an interesting person.

At once an incredible adventure narrative and a penetrating biographical portrait, *The River of Doubt* is the true story of Theodore Roosevelt's harrowing exploration of one of the most dangerous rivers on earth. The River of Doubt is a black, uncharted tributary of the Amazon that snakes through one of the most treacherous jungles in the world. Indians armed with poison-tipped arrows haunt its shadows; piranhas glide through its waters; boulder-strewn rapids turn the river into a roiling cauldron. After his humiliating election defeat in 1912, Roosevelt set his sights on the most punishing physical challenge he could find, the first descent of an unmapped, rapids-choked tributary of the Amazon. Together with his son Kermit and Brazil's most famous explorer, Cândido Mariano da Silva Rondon, Roosevelt accomplished a feat so great that many at the time refused to believe it. In the process, he changed the map of the western hemisphere forever. Along the way, Roosevelt and his men faced an unbelievable series of hardships, losing their canoes and supplies to punishing whitewater rapids, and enduring starvation, Indian attack, disease, drowning, and a murder within their own ranks. Three men died, and Roosevelt was brought to the brink of suicide. *The River of Doubt* brings alive these extraordinary events in a powerful nonfiction narrative thriller that happens to feature one of the most famous Americans who ever lived. From the soaring beauty of the Amazon rain forest to the darkest night of Theodore Roosevelt's life, here is Candice Millard's dazzling debut.

From Publishers Weekly Ferrone's gravelly, stentorian, hushed voice sounds downright presidential in reading the story of this little-known event from ex-Commander-in-Chief Theodore Roosevelt's postpolitical life. After losing his third-party run for the 1912 presidential election, Roosevelt agreed to accompany a Brazilian explorer on a trip along the , hoping to map the river's uncharted path. Expecting an uneventful trip, Roosevelt and his party barely managed to escape with their lives. Ferrone adopts a strange tone when providing Roosevelt's voice, attempting to echo his famously brusque boom and sounding oddly strangled in the process. His reading is on steadier ground in conveying the sweep of Millard's prose, uniting the personal drama of the Roosevelt family with the naturalist investigations of the voyage. Ferrone carries the narrative along on the waves of his own raspy, gruff instrument, shuttling readers through Millard's book with a steely self-assurance reminiscent of its subject. Simultaneous release with the Doubleday hardcover (\$18.95, July 11). (Nov.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Bookmarks Magazine Every critic enjoyed Millard's yarn about an ex-president's fervent desire for adventure and self-acceptance. By focusing on the vivid details of Roosevelt's journey to the as well as his relationship with his son, Millard creates much more than your typical ho-hum adventure. The beauty of this story is not just that Roosevelt's rich history could spawn a thousand adventure stories, but that Millard's experience with National Geographic is evident in her beautiful scenic descriptions and grisly depictions of the s man-eating catfish, ferocious piranhas, white-water rapids, and prospect of starvation. A story deep in symbolism and thick with research, Millard

succeeds where many have not; she has managed to contain a little bit of Teddy Roosevelt's energy and warm interactions between the covers of her wonderful new book. Copyright 2004 Phillips Nelson Media, Inc. From Booklist Anacondas, huge snakes found in the River and its tributaries, can weigh up to 500 pounds. That fact and many others embedded in this marvelously atmospheric travel narrative are here for the reader's asking and edification in Millard's important contribution to the complete biographical record of the great, dynamic Teddy Roosevelt. TR, it will be remembered, attempted a third term as president in 1912, only to make certain of a Democratic victory. Licking his wounds, and reverting to his typical method of "seeking solace from heartbreaks and frustration" by testing his physical endurance, he embarked on an exploration adventure. A set of odd circumstances led to the River of Doubt as the choice of venue, a large tributary of the giant river that up to that point had been little explored. What with suffering from fever and infection, Roosevelt nearly died on the trip; but live through it he did, and readers of both American history and travel narratives will take delight in living through these exciting pages. Brad Hooper Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved