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Theodore Roosevelt and World Order presents a new understanding of TR's political philosophy while shedding light on some of today's most vexing foreign policy dilemmas. Most know that Roosevelt served as New York police commissioner during the 1890s, warring on crime while sponsoring reforms that reflected his good-government convictions. Later Roosevelt became an accomplished diplomat. Yet it has escaped attention that TR's perspectives on domestic and foreign affairs fused under the legal concept of "police power." This gap in our understanding of Roosevelt's career deserves to be filled. Why? TR is strikingly relevant to our own age. His era shares many features with that of the twenty-first century, notably growing economic interdependence, failed states unable or unwilling to discharge their sovereign responsibilities, and terrorism from an international anarchist movement that felled Roosevelt's predecessor, William McKinley. Roosevelt exercised his concept of police power to manage the newly acquired Philippines and Cuba, to promote Panama's independence from Colombia, and to defuse international crises in Venezuela and Morocco. Since the end of the Cold War, and especially in the post-9/11 era, American statesmen and academics have been grappling with the problem of how to buoy up world order. While not all of Roosevelt's philosophy is applicable to today's world, this book provides useful historical examples of international intervention and a powerful analytical tool for understanding how a great power should respond to world events.

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Beth says

I really should read my husbands first book!

CD says

A new view of TR for me from the macho 'stick waiver' he has often been portrayed as. That such a comprehensive view and thought about what is very modern and current foreign policy thought occurred during the time of gunboat diplomacy and banana republic politics was very enlightening.

James R. Holmes book is not the quickest read, nor should it be expected to be in that category. Lots of information and resources/references for the reader to access. The case studies are not 'styled' the way I'd like entirely. I'd prefer to see them a bit more academically rigorous and directly comparable in information. However, I wonder if the situation on the ground at the time of TR was so disjointed in all cases that direct comparison is not now nor ever was achievable.

The book opens an important dialogue about the future of what may need to be seriously considered as a structure for all international relations in the 21st century with or without the continued problems associated with global terrorism.

Don't expect to flip through this one as a handbook over a weekend.

Chad says

An excellent book but more textbook than standard historical biography.
