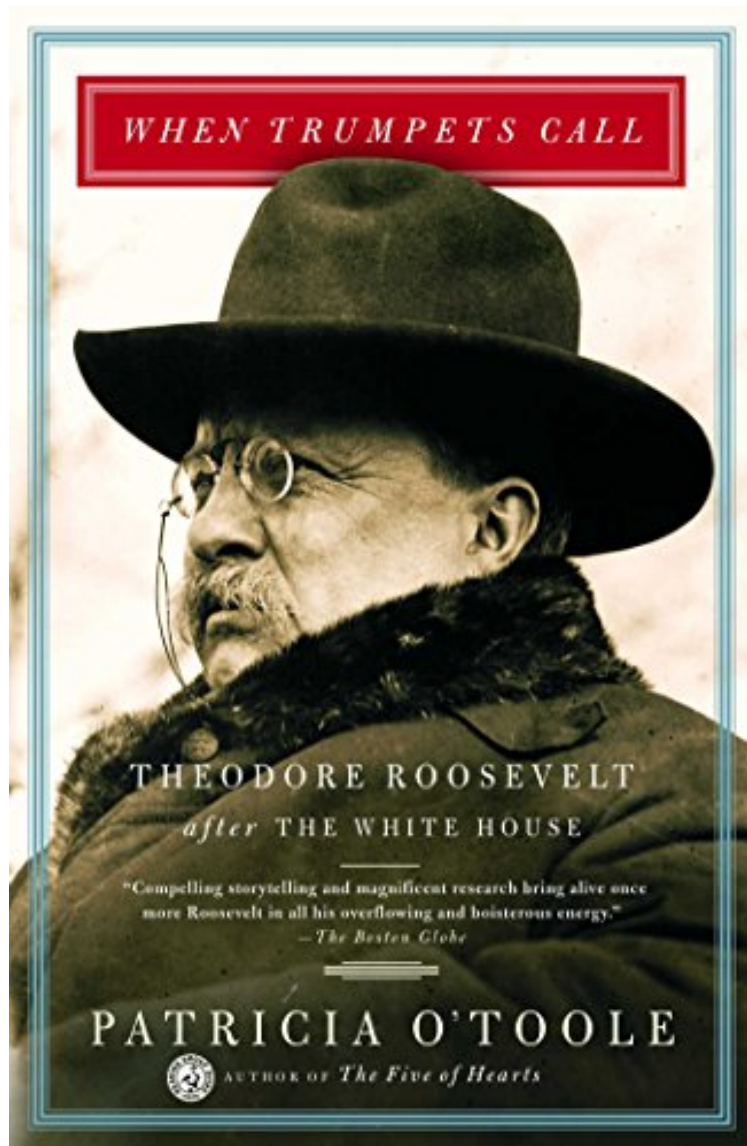


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Tragedy and a Great What If? Von James Gallen The life of Theodore Roosevelt has inspired many fine biographies. "When Trumpets Call" is one of the best. Not a whole life biography, it tells the story of TR's life after leaving the White House. For TR, it was a time of disappointment and frustration, but for the reader it is a fascinating story. Although not bound by constitutional constraints, or necessarily custom, Roosevelt chose to voluntarily relinquish the presidency after the 1908 elections. Although the two term limit had been honored, he could have made the case that he had only been elected once and, therefore, would not break the two term limit by seeking reelection to a second full term. For whatever reason, he did extend the two term tradition and chose William Howard Taft as his successor. Wanting to give Taft a free hand, TR immediately left for safari in Africa. The safari with his son, Kermit, is the first adventure story of this book. Although this work does not get into the detail possible in a work limited to the safari, it does contain enough facts to enable the reader to marvel at the extent of the undertaking. The number of personnel and animals killed is staggering. The role of the safari as not merely an adventure, but also a specimen collecting enterprise of the Smithsonian Institution puts it into a different perspective. As TR returned to civilization, he was met with reports of Taft's deviation from the Progressive line. On his way through Europe, he was treated like royalty, represented the President at the funeral of King Edward VII and collected the Nobel Peace Prize which had been awarded to in 1906. The return to America brought pressure to bring Taft around or to challenge him. Eventually concluding that he had let the people down when he selected Taft, Roosevelt challenged the President and got into a feud with the other leading Progressive, Robert M. LaFollette. Taking his case to the people, TR won in states with primaries, but lost the nomination in states in which party leaders chose the delegates. Author Patricia O'Toole presents excellent analysis in rejecting the claim that Taft stole the nomination. The loss of the Republican nomination in 1912 brought Roosevelt to a cross-roads. Standing at Armageddon and battling for the Lord, he took up the Progressive campaign, knowing that it would be unsuccessful. In this quixotic campaign, the Bull Moose advanced liberal, almost radical positions. After the disappointment of defeat in 1912, TR again sought solace in the wilderness, this time along Brazil's River of Doubt, again with Kermit, to chart an unexplored tributary of the . Almost dying during the trip, Theodore emerged sick and emaciated, never to return to his former health. Upon returning to Sagamore Hill, Roosevelt gradually regained his strength. He turned his attention to politics. Declining an invitation to run for governor, he hit the campaign trail in support of Progressive candidates. The Progressives were unsuccessful and TR was left to contemplate a future with neither an office nor a party. The outbreak of World War I provided a new cause for which he could struggle. Having long been suspicious of German intentions, the Bull Moose became a leader for preparedness and U. S. entry into the war. In 1916 he declined the Progressive nomination for president and supported the Republican, Charles Evans Hughes, who barely lost to Woodrow Wilson. As tensions rose with both Mexico and Europe, TR offered his services as an army officer in either theatre. The refusal of the Wilson administration to grant him a commission added to his frustration and resentment. Unable to go himself, all four of TR's sons wore the uniform, three were injured and Quentin was killed. Quentin's death sapped much of the strength left after a life of war, strife and exploration. Although weakened, TR continued to plan for a return to the White House in the election of 1920 until hours before his death in his sleep the evening of January 6, 1919. "When Trumpets Sound" tells an excellent story in exemplary prose. This portion of TR's life is one of frustration as, after voluntarily surrendering power, struggled to get it back. Unable to stay out of the fray, his struggle to get back into the action was a failure. Although continuing to lead an active and influential life, the decision not to run in 1908 seems like a personal tragedy and one of the great "What ifs?" of history. No study of Theodore Roosevelt is complete without this book. For any TR fan or adventure lover, it is a must.

Kurzbeschreibung A remarkable portrait of one of our most remarkable presidents, When Trumpets Call focuses on Theodore Roosevelt's life after the White House. TR had reveled in his power and used it to enlarge the scope of the office, expand government's role in economic affairs, and increase U.S. influence abroad. Only fifty when he left the White House, he would spend the rest of his life longing to return. Drawing from a wealth of new and previously unused sources, Patricia O'Toole, author of the highly acclaimed biography of Henry Adams and his friends, The Five of Hearts, conducts the first thorough investigation of the most eventful, most revealing decade of Roosevelt's life. When he left office in March 1909, Roosevelt went on safari, leaving the political stage to William Howard Taft, the friend he had selected to succeed him. Home from Africa and gravely disappointed in Taft, he could not resist challenging Taft for the Republican nomination in 1912. When Taft bested him, Roosevelt formed the Bull Moose Party and ran for president on a third ticket, a move that split the Republican vote and put Woodrow Wilson in the White House. In 1914, after the beginning of World War I, Roosevelt became the most vocal critic of Wilson's foreign policy, and two years later, hoping to oust Wilson, Roosevelt maneuvered behind the scenes in another failed bid for the Republican nomination. Turned down by Wilson in his request to raise troops and take them to France, TR helped his four sons realize their wish to serve, then pressured Washington to speed up the war effort. His youngest son was killed on Bastille Day, 1918. Theodore Roosevelt died six months later. His last written words were a reminder to

himself to see the chairman of the Republican Party. Surprising, original, deeply moving, *When Trumpets Call* is a portrait framed by a deeply human question: What happens to a powerful man when he loses power? Most of all, it is an unforgettable close-up of Theodore Roosevelt as he struggled not only to recover power but also to maintain a much-needed sense of purpose. Through her perceptive treatment of his last decade, Patricia O'Toole shows why Theodore Roosevelt still enjoys the affection and esteem of Americans across the political spectrum.

Chronicles of the post-presidential years of America's chief executives aren't generally scintillating reads. With a few exceptions--Jimmy Carter and Herbert Hoover come to mind--the period after presidents vacate the White House tends to be abbreviated, idle, and a little sad. Patricia O'Toole's absorbing account of Theodore Roosevelt's final decade carries some of this pathos, but she also vividly captures the spark and sometimes reckless vigor of the most vibrant of presidents. Possessed of an irrepressible self-confidence and insatiable appetite for power, Roosevelt made an unconvincing show of stepping out of the spotlight when he declined to seek reelection in 1909, bequeathing the presidency to loyal foot soldier William Howard Taft. Over the course of Taft's one rather lackluster term, Roosevelt embarked on an extended African safari (where the trailblazing conservationist slaughtered hundreds of animals), but upon his return he became embroiled in a battle with Taft for the heart of the Republican Party. When he lost that struggle, he turned to the budding Progressive Party. Under their banner, Roosevelt bested Taft in the 1912 election, but Woodrow Wilson, of course, beat them both. Roosevelt's bursting-at-the-seams life has been thoroughly chronicled, but O'Toole wisely focuses on a period when the never-retiring giant of American politics was wounded (both figuratively and literally--he was shot while campaigning and insisted on giving a speech before going to a hospital), but wouldn't, or couldn't, give up the fight.

--Steven Stolder  
"Compelling storytelling and magnificent research bring alive once more Roosevelt in all his overflowing and boisterous energy." -- The Boston Globe  
"Incisive analysis of Roosevelt's emeritus decade. While Ms. O'Toole clearly appreciates Roosevelt's accomplishments, she also has a keen eye for the hubris and scheming that were so central to his nature." -- Janet Maslin, The New York Times  
"Splendid. . . . O'Toole brings eloquence and keen psychological insight to a familiar subject; the result is a lovely, unpretentiously learned tale of a great man who could never master his own ambition." -- Jon Meacham, Newsweek  
"Reads like an elegantly written novel. . . . Delectable stories and fine historical writing fill O'Toole's pages. . . . I see O'Toole's marvelous study as a must read for anyone who loves or hates TR. Her compelling storytelling and magnificent research bring alive once more Roosevelt in all his overflowing and boisterous energy." -- Kathleen Dalton, The Boston Globe  
"O'Toole has written the definitive account of TR's postpresidential years." -- Library Journal  
"A triumph of high achievement, one no history buff, nor anyone fascinated with character, should miss." -- Jay Strafford, Richmond Times Dispatch