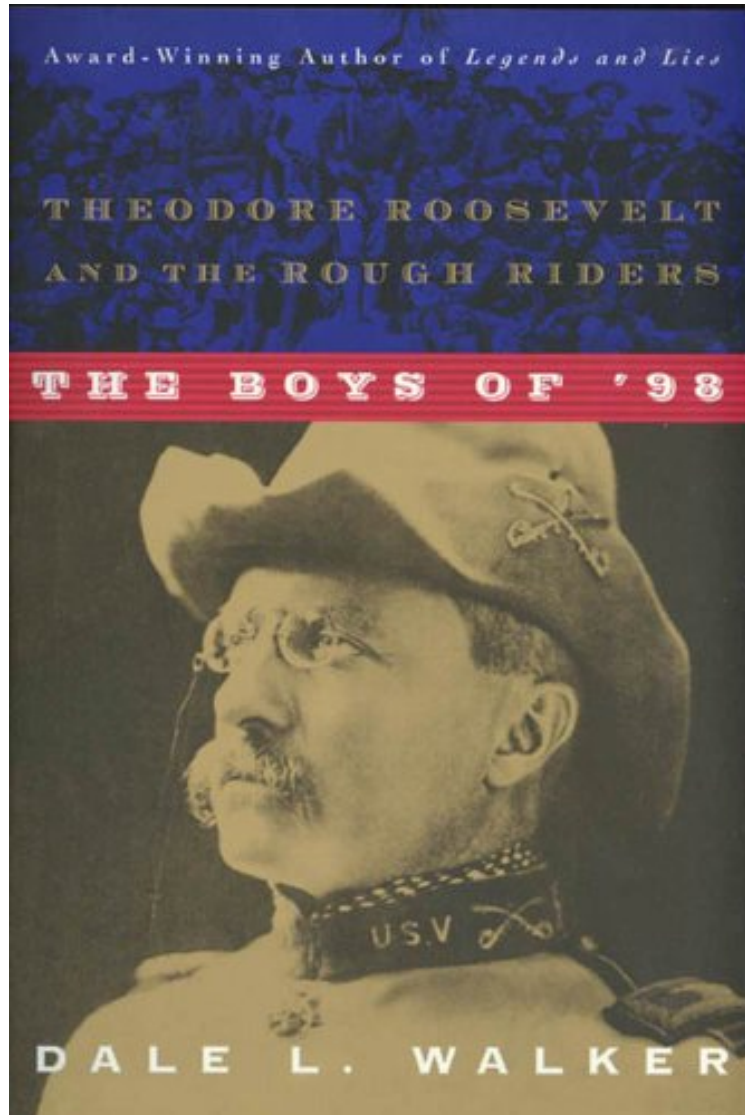


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Von Dale L. Walker : The Boys of '98: Theodore Roosevelt and the Rough Riders before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Boys of '98: Theodore Roosevelt and the Rough Riders:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not your usual stuffy historical non-fiction.Von Bob Johnson(jkybrt@prodigy.net)Dale Walker has managed to make the history of a military campaign readable, and enjoyable. This book moves along well, and is packed with information, as well as fleshing out the characters involved. It is an even-handed treatment of the Cuban campaign. I did find one

error (which must be a typo, as Walker is too good an historian to make this gross an error) when it mentions that the Spanish Mauser fires a .45 caliber slug, when in fact it was 7mm caliber. Walker uses a lot of sources for this book, including the press accounts of the military correspondents, and interviews with the surviving Rough Riders. In all, it fleshes out the campaign, and is meatier and more accessible than any other treatment of the Rough Riders. The inclusion of little-known facts, such as Edgar Rice Burroughs' attempt to join the regiment, are gems. A splendid effort!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Historical Page Turner? Von jomo@garlic.com You bet it is! Speaking as a college graduate with a degree in History, I can testify to the usually dry manner in which history is presented in some of the more popular works. Mr. Walker has given the subject of Theodore Roosevelt and the Rough Riders a fine literary treatment. After having lived through years of having to force myself to read the most boring and dry works on history during my college days, I am left with one burning question. Why can't all authors treat their chosen areas of history with the same enthusiasm as Mr. Walker obviously has for his? Have even the vaguest interest in the last decade of the 19th century? A passing curiosity about Theodore Roosevelt? Ever wondered what was really going on during our assault on Cuba? Then grab this book. It's guaranteed to entertain even those who hated history class!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Spirited and factual account of subject - instant standard! Von Randel Rogers (cfandrr@hotmail.com) Dale Walker has captured the spirit of the spring of 1898 in this lively and accurate account featuring The Rough Riders. He vividly traces the road to war focusing on the individual members and experiences of this "uniquely American" regiment while providing just the right amount of background to keep these events in context. Fast paced and exciting, *The Boys of '98* transports the reader back to America's Gilded Age and introduces a courageous, eccentric, and ambitious cast while factually describing their adventures. A strength of this work is the interviews conducted in the early 1970's with the last three living Rough Riders. The book also features a well done section on sources. Must reading for the casual fan or scholar of the "splendid little war"

Kurzbeschreibung Spur Award winning author Dale Walker tells the colourful story of America's most memorable fighting force, the volunteer cavalry known as the Rough Riders. From its members, and their slapdash training in Texas and Florida, to its battles at Las Gusimas and San Juan Hill under the command of Theodore Roosevelt, who kept riding, some say, into the White House. "This lively and carefully detailed narrative of one of the more unlikely military units and of a short, savage war, celebrates some gallant men and catches their nation at the moment it emerged as a world power." - Kirkus

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collections. (Maps and pictures not seen.)?Edwin B. Burgess, U.S. Army Combined Arms Research Lib., Fort Leavenworth, KS
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