

# MEMBER LIBRARY

## Major Theodore Roosevelt Book Collection Acquired by B&C



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In 1877, together with a college friend, Theodore Roosevelt spent part of his summer vacation cataloging the bird species of upstate New York. He was

19 years old, and his first written work, four pages long, and limited to probably no more than one hundred copies, resulted from that survey. It was titled *Summer Birds of the Adirondacks in Franklin County*. A first-edition copy of that brief work is included in the wonderful collection of books recently acquired by the Club.

Thanks to a generous donation by Robert Model, member and past president of the Boone and Crockett Club, the Mark L. Callister collection of books by and about Theodore Roosevelt was acquired, and is now located in the library at the Club's Missoula headquarters. Comprising more than 200 volumes, it includes all of Roosevelt's major works as well as many significant writings about him. A unique feature of the collection is the inclusion of 35 books in dust jackets published before 1930, including an original jacket illustrated by Frederic Remington on the 1888 edition of *Ranch Life and the Hunting Trail*.

Eight books in the collection are signed or inscribed by Roosevelt, including a touching inscription on his book *America and The World War*. It is addressed to a chapter of the Red Cross and reads, "With the heartiest good wishes... from a father whose sons are across the water." It is signed, "Theodore Roosevelt, August 10, 1918," a month after his youngest son, Quentin, was killed in air combat. In addition, many of the books in the collection are signed by family members or contemporaries of Roosevelt, including his close friends, Owen Wister and Henry Cabot Lodge.

Theodore Roosevelt was president, Rough Rider, big-game hunter, naturalist, historian and one of the most charismatic personalities in the history of the United States. As Mr. Callister noted in his catalog of the books in the collection, "more has been written about Theodore Roosevelt

save perhaps the other three men who appear with him on Mount Rushmore."

It is hard to imagine the extent of Roosevelt's writings during a lifetime that ended when he was only 60 years old. As the founder of the Boone and Crockett Club, it seems particularly appropriate that this wonderful collection has now found a permanent home at our headquarters in Missoula. ■

Some of the acquired titles. From top to bottom:

### *AFRICAN GAME TRAILS OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT*

This famous account of Roosevelt's hunting expedition to Africa, sold more copies than any other of his books.

### *AMERICA AND THE WORLD WAR*

A compilation of Roosevelt's speeches and editorials urging the United States to intervene in World War I.

### *MESSAGES AND PAPERS OF THE PRESIDENTS*

Contains 39 speeches given by President Roosevelt during a cross-country trip from Bangor, Maine, to Spokane, Washington.

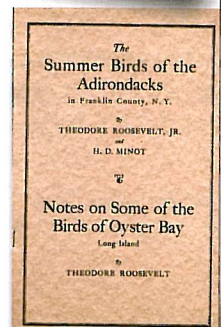
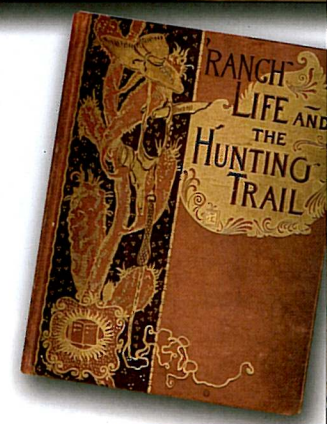
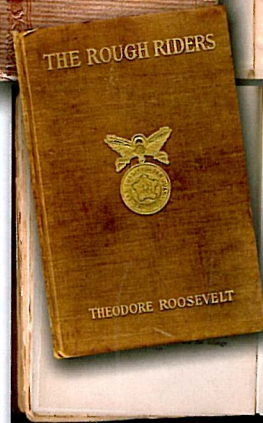
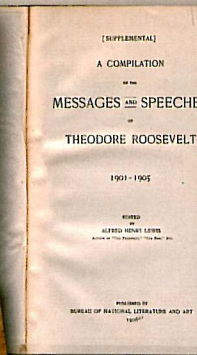
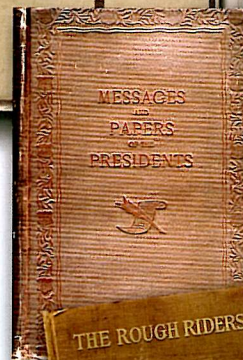
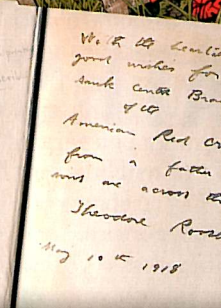
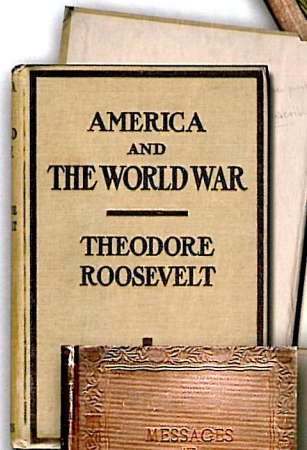
### *THE ROUGH RIDERS*

Profusely illustrated with vivid descriptions of battles and tributes to the dead and wounded.

*RANCH LIFE AND HUNTING TRAIL*  
Details the ranchman's daily activities, living conditions, and every aspect of life in the cattle country.

### *THE SUMMER BIRDS OF THE ADIRONDACKS*

A scientific booklet based upon the field observations of young Roosevelt and his friend H.D. Minot.





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Left to right: Jodi Bishop, Norden Van Horne, and Theodore Holsten cataloging the goldmine of Theodore Roosevelt's works.



Already a hefty collection of the Boone and Crockett Club's Big Game and Hunting library was recently enriched with nearly complete published works by and about the Club's founder.

Theodore Holsten (right) reshelving the newly acquired gems at the Boone and Crockett Club's library.

