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Sommario/riassunto The public life of Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919) was marked by his

service as the twenty-sixth President of the United States, Vice President, Governor of New York State, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, U.S. Civil Service Commissioner, President of the New York City Police Commission, and New York State Assemblyman. In his life outside of government he was famous as an author, naturalist, rancher, big game hunter, and explorer. The twentieth century would become known as the American Century, and it was Theodore Roosevelt, through his foreign policy, who ushered the United States into the ranks of the world's great powers. In domestic affairs, he used his presidential powers to level the playing field between capital and labor, to protect consumers, and to establish a conservation program that was farsighted and comprehensive, covering the nation's natural resources, its wilderness areas, its endangered species, its scenic beauty, and the cultural artifacts of its indigenous peoples. Distilled from Roosevelt's voluminous writings and speeches, In the Words of Theodore Roosevelt is a discerning collection of "ations by this American icon who continues to inspire and captivate an extraordinary array of twentyfirst-century Americans. Carefully selected and organized by topic by

Patricia O'Toole, these "ations reflect the vast range of Roosevelt's interests, the depth of his wisdom, his almost superhuman energy, and his directness. Many of the issues that Roosevelt addressed-from America's international role to the environment-remain pressing concerns today, giving his century-old words remarkable currency. This singular collection of "ations-enhanced by O'Toole's illuminating introductory essay, notes on biographical and historical context, and bibliographies of Roosevelt's writings-is a trove for writers, teachers, students, and all who recognize Theodore Roosevelt's unique role in U. S. history.