The Strenuous Life: Essays And Addresses (Dover Thrift Editions)

I wish to preach, not the doctrine of ignoble ease, but the doctrine of the strenuous life, the life of toil and effort, of labor and struggle, to preach that highest and best in each of us which comes, not to the man who desires ease and rest, but to the man who does not shrink from essays and addresses.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT
Politician, soldier, naturalist, and historian—a century after the peak of his multifaceted career, Theodore Roosevelt remains a towering symbol of American optimism and progress. This collection of speeches and commentaries from 1899 through 1901 embodies the Rough Rider’s enduring ideals for attaining a robust political, social, and personal life. The twenty-sixth president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt (1858–1919) served as Chief Executive from 1901 to 1909 and was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1906 for his mediation of the Russo-Japanese War. Roosevelt wrote thirty-five books and delivered numerous lectures on topics ranging from citizenship and success to duty and sportsmanship. His 1899 address to a Chicago audience, “The Strenuous Life,” articulates his belief in the transformative powers that individuals can achieve by overcoming hardship. Along with the other speeches and essays in this collection, Roosevelt’s work offers an inspiring vision of moral rectitude and stalwart leadership.

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I just wanted to note that I share the experience of the other reviewer, who pointed out that the content is repeated over and over. I don’t think this is just a binding error; the page numbers are correct (increasing) for the entire speech, but the actual speech is only around 18 pages, and then repeats for around 100 page. This item has serious problems.
I was very excited to receive this and start reading it. My excitement turned into disappointment when I saw the content start repeating. At first I thought "certainly TR didn't repeat himself so redundantly". Then, I realized that it was the publication itself. In my copy, the speech just starts over on page 16, 26 (starts on 2nd paragraph this time), and it goes on and on it seems. There is no indication that you are rereading what has already been printed. It just goes from one paragraph to the next and the next paragraph may be a repeat of what was on page 1. I guess I will go through the hassle of packaging this up and sending it back to .

This is a documented speech by "Teddy." If you believe that life owes you something as opposed to working hard and earning your keep, then you must read this book. If you are a self-starter and want to "make a name for yourself" through hard work, this book/speech will get you excited. It is a must read -- even for children. Hard work does pay off!

I was very excited when I ordered this book, only to find out that it was defective. As other reviews have already stated, the content in this book is incomplete, and repeats itself over and over again. Do not buy this product.

$3.50 with free shipping is a great deal for this collection of the bull moose’s essays and addresses - but if I were to buy it again, I’d seek out a nice hardcover version, or even a collectible historic copy. This is the type of book you'll want to chew on and refer back to again, and this cheap paperback version with relatively small/crammed print might not hold up as well or properly convey the nobility of its contents. As I read the book, I kept thinking "there is nothing new under the sun". I can't say I agree with everything he says, but I can't help but deeply respect the man. It is definitely worth reading and thinking about how far we have/haven't come in 110 years.

Be aware that the bnpublishing version of this book repeats the first two speeches several times. It is very distracting and makes the book absolutely worthless. Can not believe it made it to publishing. What a disappointment.

The strenuous life is the name of a famous speech given by Teddy, which is a must read for every academic locked in its cloistered world, as well as every child. Though I wanted a little more from the book, since there is no commentary, forward or afterward, the material speaks for itself.
I guess I got what I paid for - text jumps around from page to page making this version completely unreadable and worthless. Parts of the speech also appear to be missing or out of order.