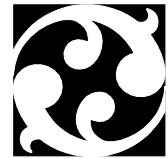




# CAMELOT BOOK CLUB



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## ***THEODORE ROOSEVELT***

by Henry Pringle

### **Camelot's Discussion**

As your Scribe attempts to transcribe the thoughts of each member regarding this book, she comes up short. In our meeting, we couldn't really review the book's content because few of us actually read the book, and those that did, found it tedious and for the most part, uninteresting. It's not that we didn't like Theodore Roosevelt, but that the writer's approach to his life found little to entice us. As one of the more erudite among us pointed out, the writing style of author Pringle's generation in the early 1930's was typically more detached and objective; therefore, we didn't find the personal and private connections we as readers would have liked.

There were snippets throughout, though, that are quotable. While at Cambridge, his oldest son wrote to Theodore, "...not another boy in college has a family who loved him so much as you do me, and I am sure, who has a father who is his best and most intimate friend."

The biography did point out some interesting facts about Roosevelt, and recounted some of the events which shaped his political career and social image.

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### **MEETING NOTES**

We met at Robin Westerheim's beautiful house, "The house that love built". Of course, we had our catch-up-on-the-news time, with members describing their various recent events. **Barbara Walton** had a wonderful trip with Pirk to the east and north, especially Canton, Ohio and the Hall of Fame. She said there were grapes growing everywhere, with vineyards all around. They also went to Niagra Falls, Lake Ontario, and then Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania, not Texas!), a beautiful city. They covered a lot of ground in 8 days. **Terry Moore** just returned from a wonderful week's visit with her sister in California. **Gwen Nelson** reported that her colonoscopy "wasn't so bad." **Robin & Eric** went to Tennessee with her parents - saw Dollywood. Robin described a roller-coaster that went straight up and straight down, not for the weak of heart. Their next trip is camping out.

After our book discussion, Robin served a delicious chocolate cake with strawberries, which everyone enjoyed a lot.

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## NEXT MEETING

**When?** Friday, September 17, 2010, 1:30p.m.

**Where?** At Karen O'Shea's house

**Why?** To have fun, and to discuss

*The Heretic's Daughter* by Kathleen Kent

A heartbreaking story well told, of the Salem witch trials from the perspective of 10-year-old Sarah Carrier.

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## PROFILE

by the newest member of Camelot Book Club

My favorite drink is: **Coca Cola (sometimes with Barcadi Rum)**

I wish I could sing like: **Alison Krauss**

My favorite movies are: **"When Harry Met Sally"**

My favorite television show is: **Good Morning America**

My hobbies are: **Gardening, Reading, Knitting, Sewing**

I have a phobia about: **?**

My friends like me because: **I'm there if they need me.**

My ideal vacation is: **Tropical Beach almost anywhere.**

Nobody knows I: **Ran over myself.**

The person who influenced my life the most was: **My Husband.**

Behind my back, people say: **I am a push-over.**

My mother always told me: **If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all.**

The best day of my life was: **The day John (my husband) came home from Vietnam.**

If I could have anyone to dinner, it would be: **John Travolta.**

When I've had a bad day, I relax by: **having a nap.**

I regret: **My children did not get to know my mother for long.**

If I could change one thing about myself, it would be: **be slower to get angry.**

My pet peeve is: **mean people.**

My epitaph should read: **Here I am, Lord.**

If I had one message to give to the youth, it would be: **It's true! Time does fly by the older you get.**

If I could change one thing about our society, it would be: **We would help people by teaching them to help themselves.**

If I had to pick one word to describe myself, it would be: **eclectic.**

Terry Moore

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