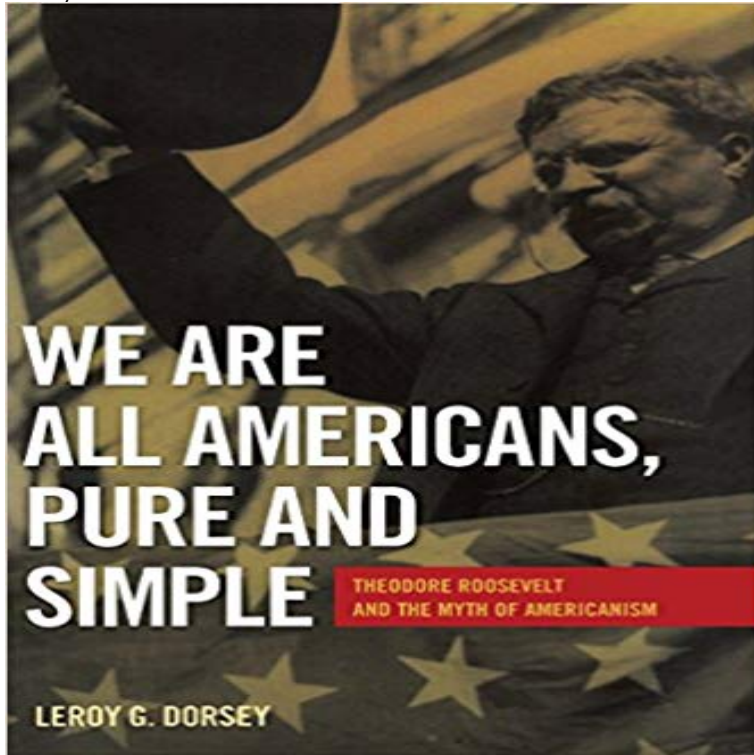


## We Are All Americans, Pure and Simple: Theodore Roosevelt and the Myth of Americanism



The turn of the 20th century represented one of the most chaotic periods in the nations history, as immigrants, Native Americans, and African Americans struggled with their roles as Americans while white America feared their encroachments on national identity. This book examines Theodore Roosevelts public rhetoricspeeches, essays, and narrative historiesas he attempted to craft one people out of many. Leroy G. Dorsey observes that Roosevelts solution to the problem appeared straightforward: everyone could become Americans, pure and simple if they embraced his notion of Americanism.Roosevelt grounded his idea of Americanism in myth, particularly the frontier mytha heroic combination of individual strength and character. When nonwhites and immigrants demonstrated these traits, they would become true Americans, earning an exalted status that they had heretofore been denied.Dorseys analysis illuminates how Roosevelts rhetoric achieved a number of delicate, if problematic, balancing acts. Roosevelt gave his audiences the opportunity to accept a national identity that allowed some room for immigrants and nonwhites, while reinforcing their status as others, thereby reassuring white Americans of their superior place in the nation. Roosevelts belief in an ordered and unified nation did not overwhelm his private racist attitudes, Dorsey argues, but certainly competed with them. Despite his private sentiments, he recognized that racist beliefs and rhetoric were divisive and bad for the nations progress. The resulting message he chose to propagate was thus one of a rhetorical, if not literal, melting pot.By focusing on Roosevelts rhetorical constructions of national identity, as opposed to his personal exploits or his role as a policy maker, We Are All Americans offers new insights into Roosevelts use of public discourse to bind the nation together

during one of the most polarized periods in its history.

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