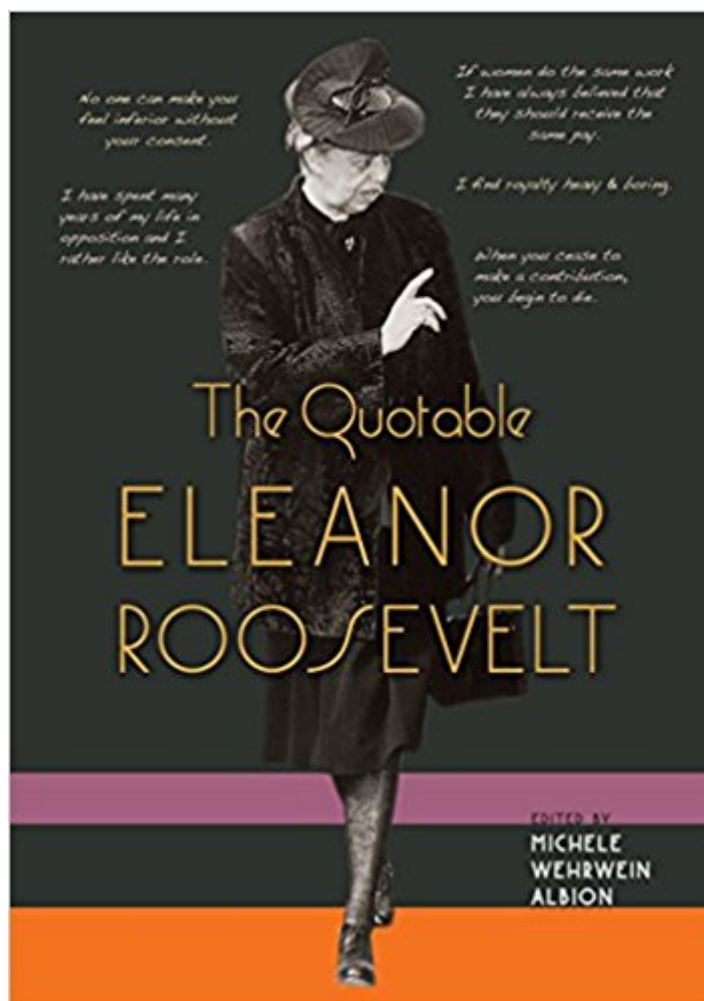


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I find the quotes of Eleanor Roosevelt to be helpful on a daily basis. She was so practical and feeling. Her power was realized through the United Nations and we should all be proud.

I love this book ! She was a woman before her time.

Good for reference.

During those earlier times when women were viewed as background decorations, Eleanor Roosevelt emerged as a powerful negotiator, statesperson, author, radio personality, and conflict resolver. Because such roles were identified with the male gender, the first lady was frequently vilified and ridiculed for stepping outside the accepted norm. This remarkable woman possessed an inner moral strength, along with knowledge, compassion, understanding and basic decency which is evidenced in her publications, speeches, correspondence, and interviews. The editor has collected quotes from these sources along with others that have been attributed to this imposing personality and arranged these passages into specified sections. Such areas include her comments on politics, work, race, money, religion, war, emotions, as well as other topics that were relevant during her time. Some of the excerpts still ring true with wisdom, others have lost their varnish with time. Still this collection gives the reader an insight into an intriguing and formidable female who served as a spokesperson for common sense and shone as a beacon for feminine fortitude. Attributed to her is the oft repeated quote, "Nobody can make you feel inferior without your consent," the thought that must have fortified her resolve.

I am an admirer of Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt. I think she was a fascinating woman that did a lot of good works. So, I was excited to be able to read this book. It did not disappoint. Through the collected quotes it provided a vivid picture of Ms. Roosevelt. I found it to be an enlightening and interesting read.* I received a complimentary copy from the publisher via netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

If you love Eleanor Roosevelt and you want a little more than just quotes, this is the one for you. Purchased similar books and this one is well organized with more context. Would be good as a gift.

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