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BESTSELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

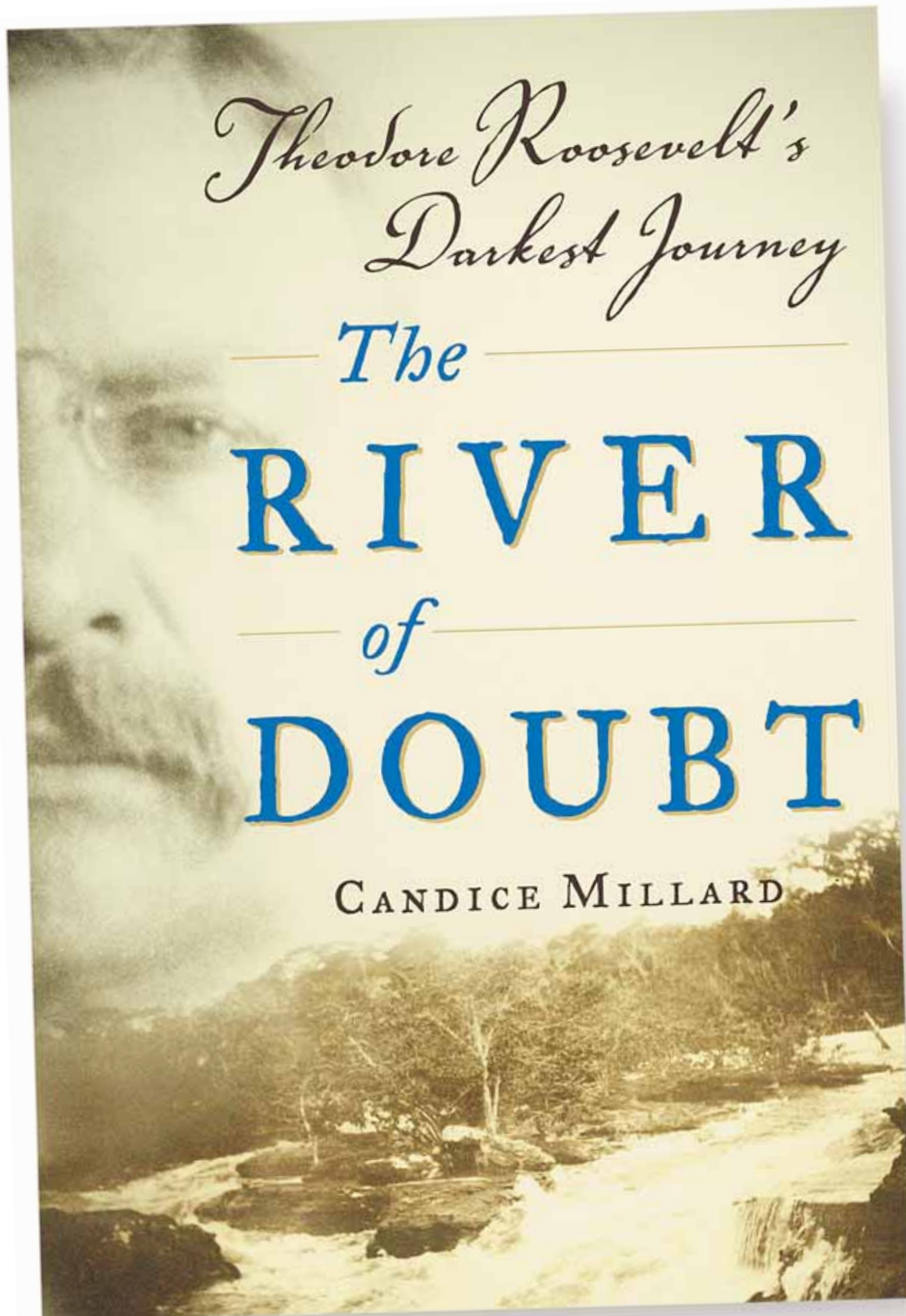
1. "5th Horseman" by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro (Little, Brown)
2. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
3. "Cell: A Novel" by Stephen King (Scribner)
4. "The Templar Legacy" by Steve Berry (Ballantine Books)
5. "The Last Templar" by Raymond Khoury (Dutton Adult)
6. "In the Company of the Courtesan" by Sarah Dunant (Random House)
7. "The Two Minute Rule" by Robert Crais (Simon & Schuster)
8. "The Old Wine Shades" by Martha Grimes (Viking Adult)
9. "Sea Change" by Robert B. Parker (Putnam Adult)
10. "Lovers & Players" by Jackie Collins (St. Martin's Press)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "Marley and Me" by John Grogan (Morrow)
2. "The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century" by Thomas L. Friedman (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)
3. "Freakonomics" by Steven D. Levitt, Stephen J. Dubner (William Morrow)
4. "You're Wearing That?: Understanding Mothers and Daughters in Conversation" by Deborah Tannen (Random House)
5. "Jim Cramer's Real Money" by James J. Cramer (Simon & Schuster)
6. "The Year of Magical Thinking" by Joan Didion (Knopf)
7. "The Sonoma Diet" by Connie Guttersen and Stephanie Karpinske (Meredith Books)
8. "If You Could See What I See" by Sylvia Brown (Hay House)
9. "Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer" by James L. Swanson (William Morrow)
10. "Love Smart" by Phil McGraw (Free Press)

PAPERBACKS

1. "The Closers" by Michael Connelly (Warner Books)
2. "The Third Secret" by Steve Berry (Ballantine Books)
3. "Skeleton Man" by Tony Hillerman (HarperTorch)
4. "The Broker" by John Grisham (Dell)
5. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
6. "Impossible" by Danielle Steel (Dell)
7. "Hard Truth" by Nevada Barr (Berkley)
8. "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden (Vintage International)
9. "Cordina's Royal Family: Gabriella & Alexander" by Nora Roberts (Silhouette)
10. "Crazy in Love" by Luanne Rice (Bantam)



"The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey" details the U.S. leader's dangerous expedition in South America in 1913.

AP PHOTOS

Roosevelt at his weakest, toughest

Book chronicles president's trip to South America

By STEVE BREISENDINE
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The scenario would be unthinkable today, in the age of satellite phones, GPS systems and around-the-clock Secret Service protection. Former presidents simply don't vanish off the map and into the wilderness. But in 1913, still stinging from his defeat as a third-party candidate in the 1912 presidential election, Theodore Roosevelt set out on a trip to South America. After the goodwill tour portion of his trip, Roosevelt and his son, Kermit, both avid outdoorsmen, planned to travel and survey the winding, untracked River of Doubt in Brazil's remote Amazon jungle. Neither was afraid of the danger — Roosevelt had long raised his own spirits by challenging his physical limits — but neither could have been prepared for a journey that took three lives and twice brought Roosevelt to the brink of death.



Candice Millard is the author of "The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey."

Candice Millard's first book, "The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey," chronicles the expedition with strong narrative voice and pacing, and a sense of detail befitting a former writer and editor for National Geographic magazine. Her book does for Roosevelt's history what the expedition did for that part of the world: It fills in the map. Millard, often reaching back into prehistory to describe the forces that shaped the Amazon

rain forest, paints the untouched jungle as one of the world's most unforgiving ecosystems. Roosevelt had gone into a place where the intense competition for nutrients was matched by a fierce bent for self-protection. "Within such an intricate world of resourcefulness, skill, and ruthless self-interest, refined over hundreds of millions of years, Roosevelt and his men were, for all their own experience and knowledge, vulnerable outsiders," Millard writes. In other words, the jungle and its inhabitants were just waiting to eat them up, alive, if need be. Though Roosevelt, then 54, was renowned for his vitality — he had, after all, delivered a campaign speech while bleeding from a gunshot wound — he was one of the most vulnerable men in the group. First came malaria, afflicting everyone in the party with its alternating fevers and chills. Then Roosevelt cut his shin on a rock, a minor injury by modern standards, but in the days before antibiotics, the injury quickly festered in the humid jungle air.

His illness worsened and he slipped into delirium before the fever finally broke. He survived largely by force of will. Later, Roosevelt escaped attack by the Cinta Larga Indians largely because the tribe could not reach a consensus on whether to kill the outsiders. In a time when carefully supervised suburbanites can earn the "Survivor" tag by winning a grubby popularity contest on TV, Millard's book stands as a testament to the real thing.

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