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The subject of Roger Di Silvestro's book has been treated by several other biographers and by
Hermann Hagedorn in his 1921 *Roosevelt in the Bad Lands*. Still, a newly crafted treatment of Roosevelt’s Badlands years is welcome. By incorporating recent scholarship and by drawing liberally on TR’s numerous letters and published writings, Di Silvestro has produced a fully documented and engaging narrative of this crucial time in Theodore Roosevelt’s life before he became president.

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