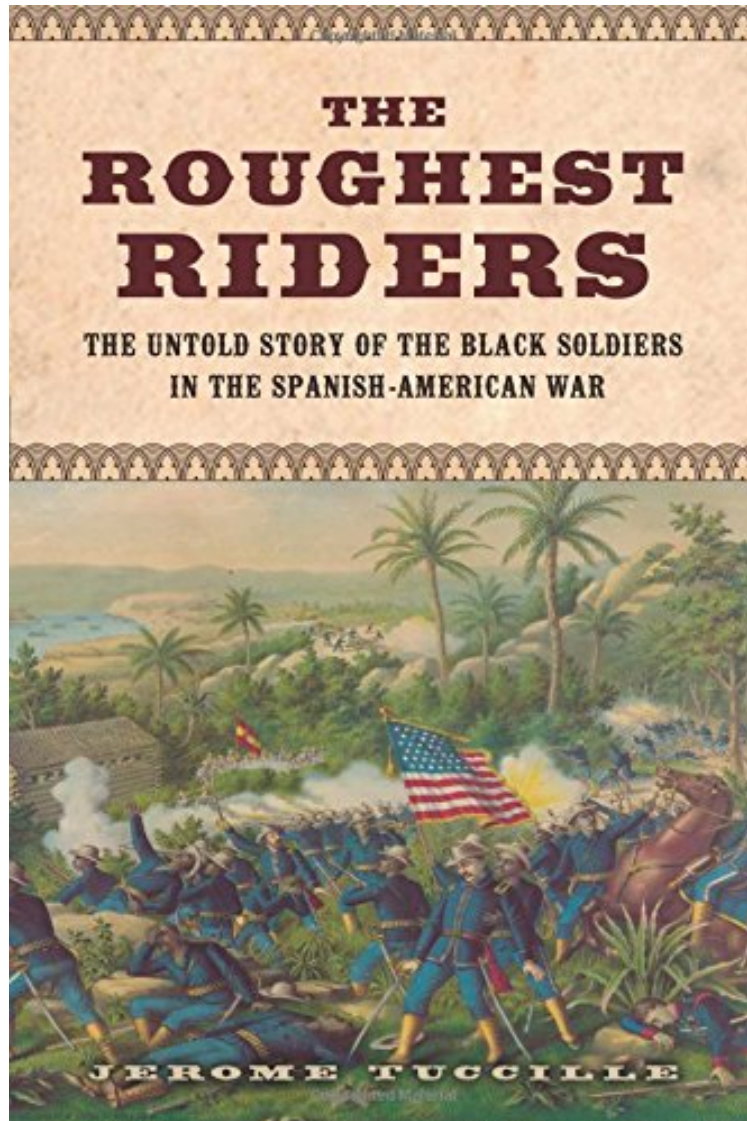


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Jerome Tuccille : The Roughest Riders: The Untold Story of the Black Soldiers in the Spanish-American War before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Roughest Riders: The Untold Story of the Black Soldiers in the Spanish-American War:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Buffalo Soldiers's story is still yet to be toldBy Paul

Figueroa This book is fine as an overview of the Buffalo Soldiers's service during the Spanish American War, as well as the Campaign to capture Pancho Villa and the First World War. But after reading the book, I am still left with the feeling that the Buffalo Soldiers's story remains untold. Most of the book covers the American Campaign in Cuba and at times, I thought I was reading a biography of Theodore Roosevelt or a story about the Rough Riders. The author, Jerome Tuccille, spent more attention profiling the white commanders of that war, such as Theodore Roosevelt, General Joseph Wheeler (a former Confederate Cavalry Commander) and John Pershing, than on any of the Buffalo Soldiers. In fact, the one Buffalo Soldier that he did profile in some detail, Corporal David Fagen, turns out to be a turncoat who went over to the side of the Filipino insurgents. And finally, I was disappointed that the author did not even address the controversial decision Pershing made of detaching the Buffalo Soldiers of the First World War and placing them under the command of the French Army. Tuccille mentions it, but that's all. Of course, Pershing would not detach white soldiers and place them under foreign control but did so with his black soldiers. Tuccille provides cover for Pershing by excusing his racial attitudes as being political in nature to please his President, Woodrow Wilson. But the decision to cut off the black soldiers appears to be due to Pershing's own racial animus towards his black soldiers.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Doesn't get to deep into any one person. I ...By John Williams Doesn't get to deep into any one person. I came away wondering where would we be as a society if black folks had been given a fair shot at the American Dream many fought to defend.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Eric Brian Reed lots of info I was not aware of

Americans have long heard the story of Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders charging up San Juan Hill during the Spanish-American War. But often forgotten in the great swamp of history is that Roosevelt's success was ensured by a dedicated corps of black soldiers—the so-called Buffalo Soldiers—who fought by Roosevelt's side during his legendary campaign. Roosevelt admitted that the black troops actually spearheaded the charge, beating him to the top of Kettle Hill ahead of San Juan Hill, but later changed his story, claiming their performance was due to the superior white officers under whom the black troops served. *The Roughest Riders* takes a closer look at common historical legend and balances the record. It is the inspiring story of the first African American soldiers to serve during the post-slavery era, first in the West and later in Cuba, when full equality, legally at least, was still a distant dream. They fought heroically and courageously, making Roosevelt's campaign a great success that added to the future president's legend as a great man of words and action. But most of all, they demonstrated their own military prowess, often in the face of incredible discrimination from their fellow soldiers and commanders, and rightfully deserve their own place in American history.

“There are many hidden or, in the case of African American soldiers, intentionally overlooked stories in American history. In *The Roughest Riders*, Jerome Tuccille offers a welcome corrective with this deeply detailed work.” —Scott Martelle, author of *The Admiral and the Ambassador* and *The Madman and the Assassin*