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a World Power*

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This book is dedicated to my grandchildren

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It is a great historical expedition, and I thrill to feel that I am part of it. If we fail, of course we share the fate of all who do fail, but if we are allowed to succeed (for we certainly shall succeed, if allowed) we have scored the first great triumph in what will be a world movement.

—Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt to his sister Corinne from the troopship *Yucatan* bound for Cuba, June 15, 1898

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