

# Edith Kermit Roosevelt: Creating the Modern First Lady

Edith Kermit Roosevelt was the wife of President Theodore Roosevelt and is considered to be the first modern First Lady. She was a strong advocate for women's rights, education, and conservation. This article will explore her life and legacy.



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## Early Life and Education

Edith Kermit Carow was born in Norwich, Connecticut, on August 6, 1861. Her father was a successful businessman, and her mother was a devout Christian. Edith was raised in a wealthy and privileged home, and she received a good education. She attended private schools in New York City and Europe, and she studied art and music.

In 1886, Edith married Theodore Roosevelt, a rising young politician. The couple had five children together. Edith was a devoted wife and mother,

and she supported her husband's political career.

## **First Lady of the United States**

In 1901, Theodore Roosevelt became President of the United States. Edith Roosevelt became the First Lady, and she quickly established herself as a strong and independent woman. She was the first First Lady to hold a press conference, and she was the first to travel extensively with the President.

Edith Roosevelt was a strong advocate for women's rights. She supported the suffrage movement, and she worked to improve the education and employment opportunities for women. She also established the White House Children's Bureau, which was the first federal agency dedicated to the welfare of children.

Edith Roosevelt was also a passionate conservationist. She worked to protect the nation's forests, parks, and wildlife. She was also a strong advocate for the creation of the National Park Service.

## **Later Life and Legacy**

After Theodore Roosevelt left office in 1909, Edith Roosevelt continued to be active in public life. She wrote several books, and she lectured extensively on women's rights, education, and conservation. She also served on the board of directors of several organizations, including the American Red Cross and the National Audubon Society.

Edith Roosevelt died in Oyster Bay, New York, on September 30, 1948. She was 87 years old. She is remembered as one of the most influential First Ladies in American history. She was a strong advocate for women's

rights, education, and conservation, and she helped to shape the role of the First Lady in the modern era.

Edith Kermit Roosevelt was a remarkable woman who made a significant contribution to American history. She was a strong advocate for women's rights, education, and conservation, and she helped to shape the role of the First Lady in the modern era. She is an inspiration to all who believe in the power of one person to make a difference.



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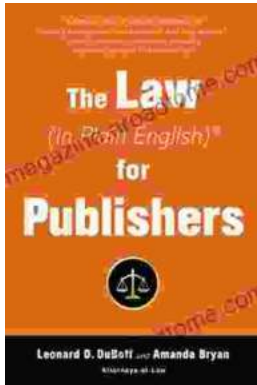
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