

**Theodore Roosevelt** was sickly as a child, but he was determined to become **strong**. He enjoyed wild **adventures**, and he especially loved the **outdoors**. After becoming **president**, Roosevelt more than doubled the size of the **national park system** by adding 5 new parks. He established 18 national monuments, 150 national forests, 51 bird reserves, and 4 national game reserves—some 230 million acres of land for the American people to **explore**. The “conservation president” also created the US Forest Service. The **teddy bear** really was named for him!

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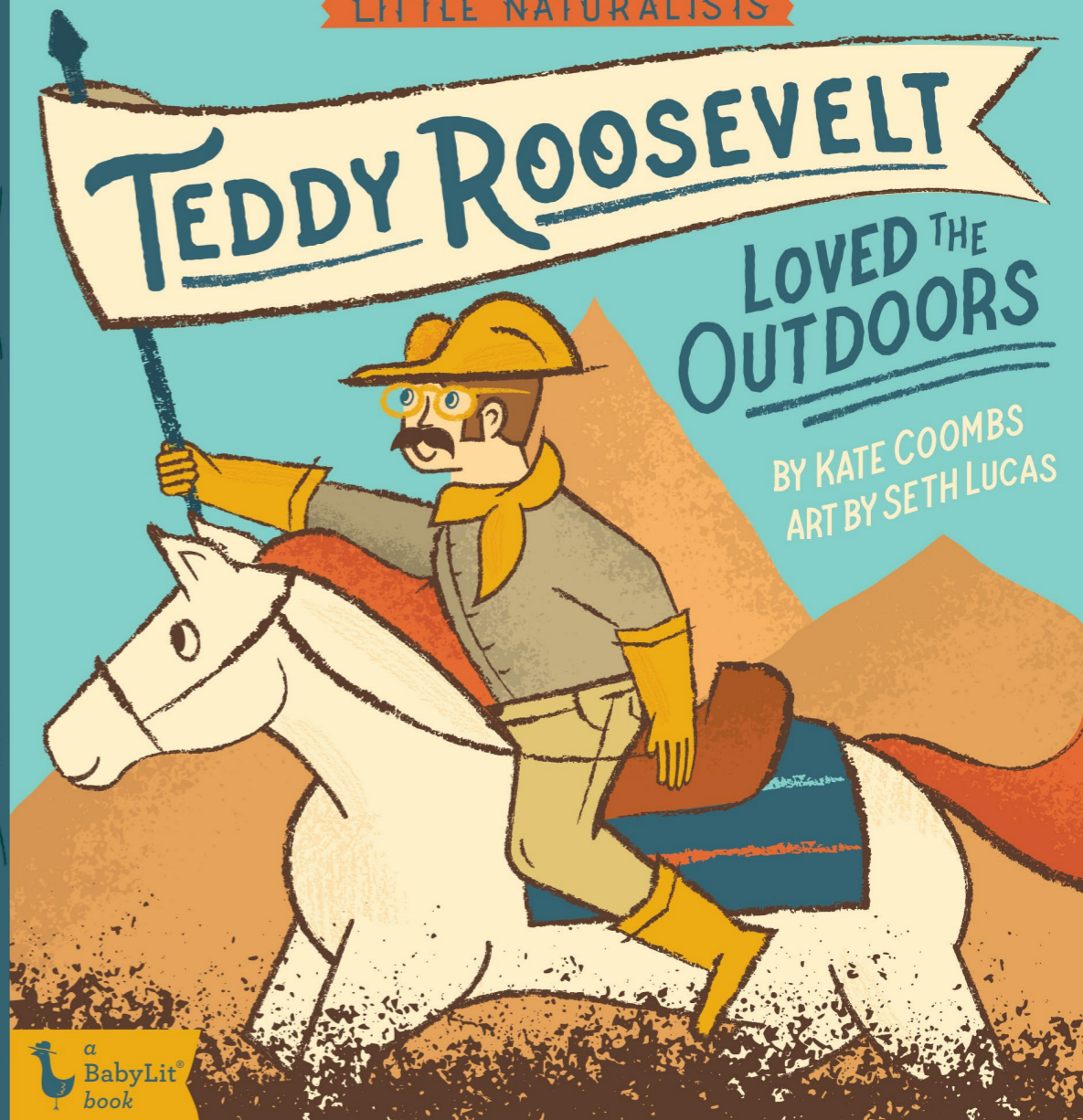
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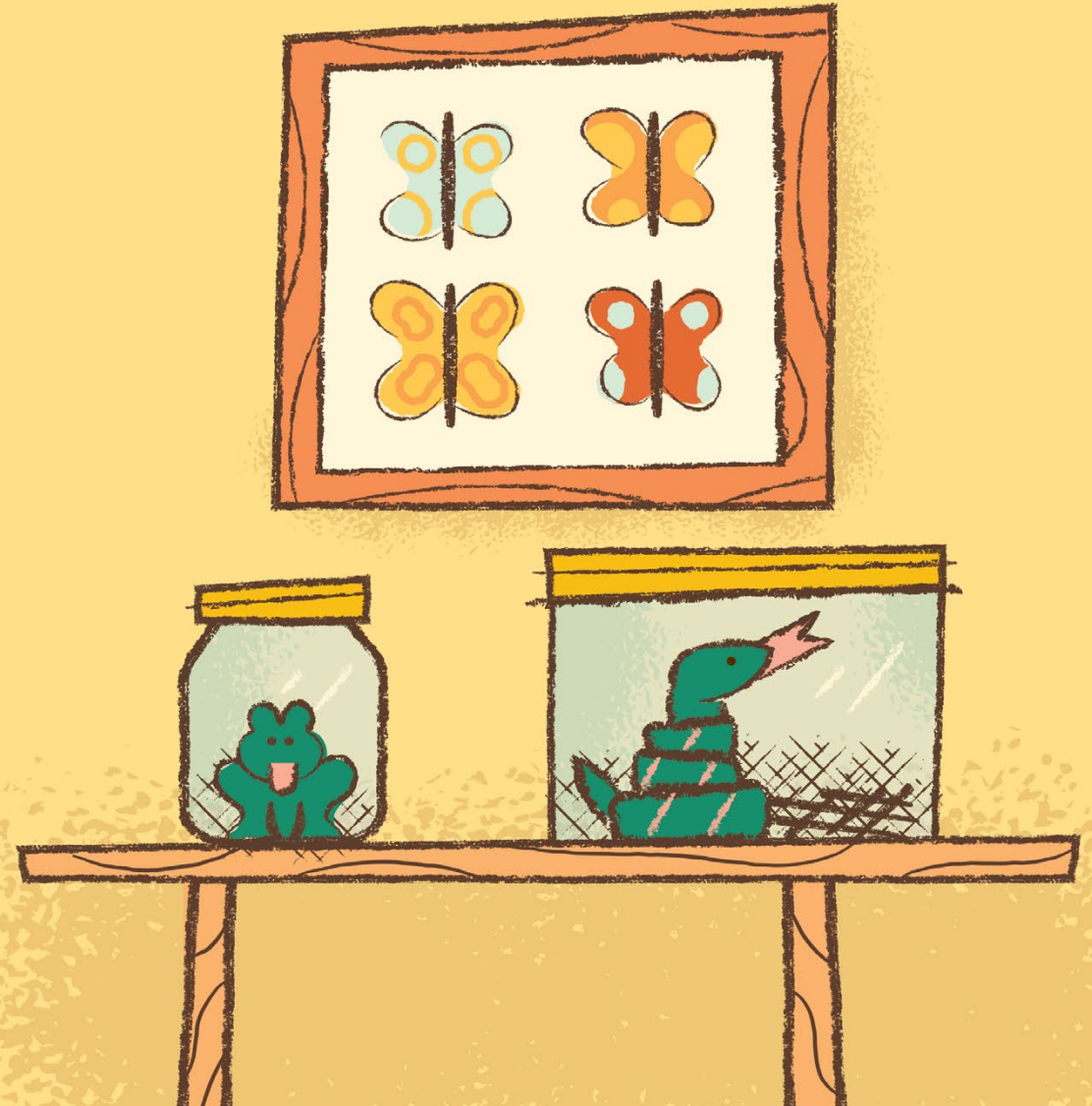


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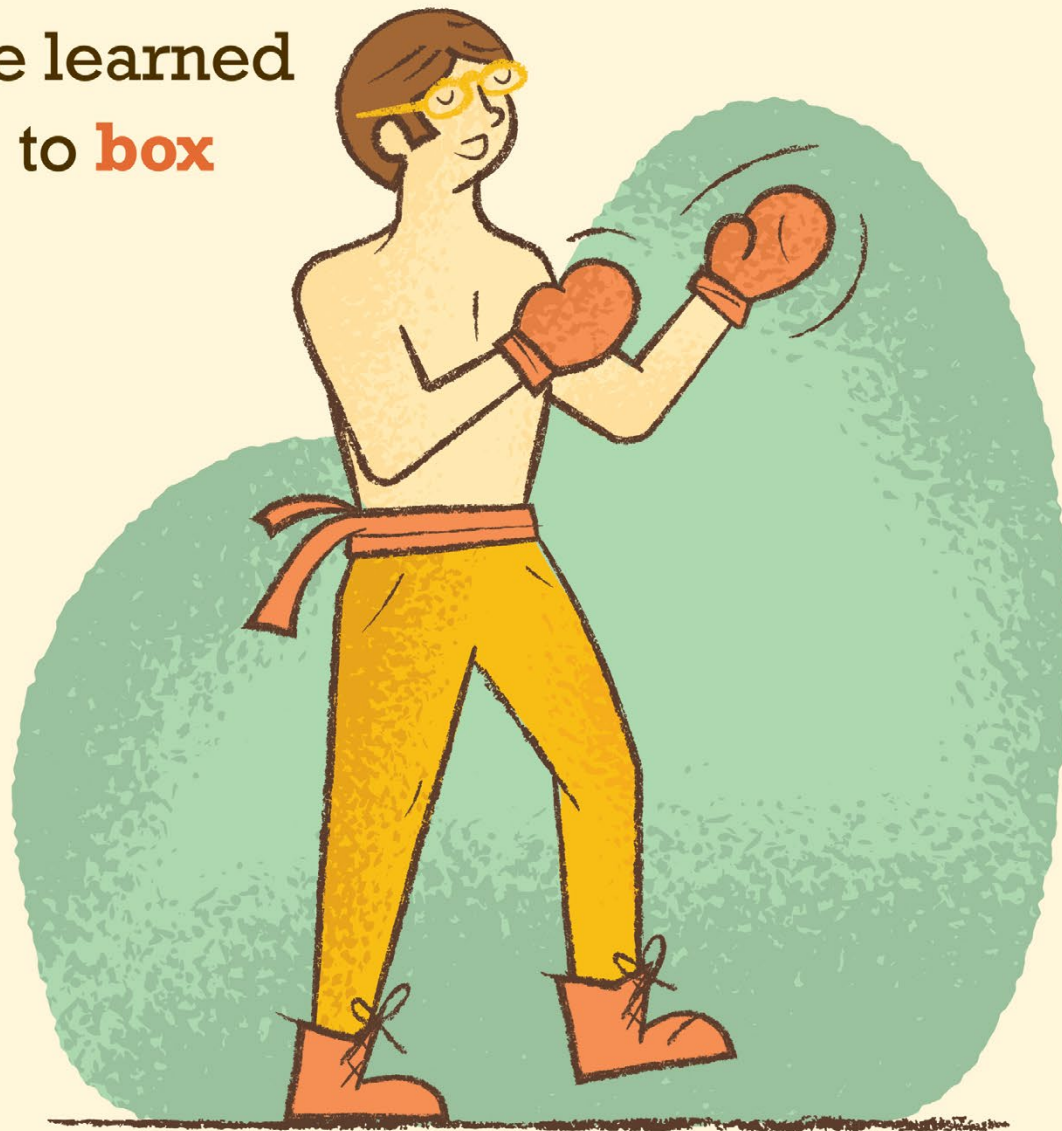
He collected **bugs** and **frogs** and **snakes**.



He **climbed** up trees.  
He hiked and swam.



He learned  
to **box**



and lifted weights.

He became a **writer**,



a **cowboy**,



and a **soldier**.



He created **national forests**

and **parks** across the land.