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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good But Laudatory Look at Key Political Figure By Kevin M. Derby Judge Samuel Seabury is one of those prominent 20th century Americans whose fame quickly collapsed even if their influence should not be understated. A progressive whose influences ranged from Henry George to William Jennings Bryan, Seabury was a longtime New York attorney and jurist who made forays into politics including his unsuccessful gubernatorial bid in 1916. Named by FDR, whose presidential prospects were starting to bloom, to investigate Tammany Hall, Seabury went after that organization, including leading efforts to remove New York Mayor Jimmy Walker. While he might have had other political ambitions, once his investigation was over, Seabury faded from prominence. Herbert Mitgang tells this colorful story in The Man Who Rode the Tiger fairly well and there are enough personal details to get behind Seabury's serious, patrician facade. Mitgang is an engaging writer but he's clearly

on Seabury's side almost every step of the way and the book does veer into hagiography on occasion. Mitgang can also overstate his subject's appeal on the national stage including his presidential chances. Still, this is not a bad book by any means and successfully captures an important period in New York history and a key moment for political reform.

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