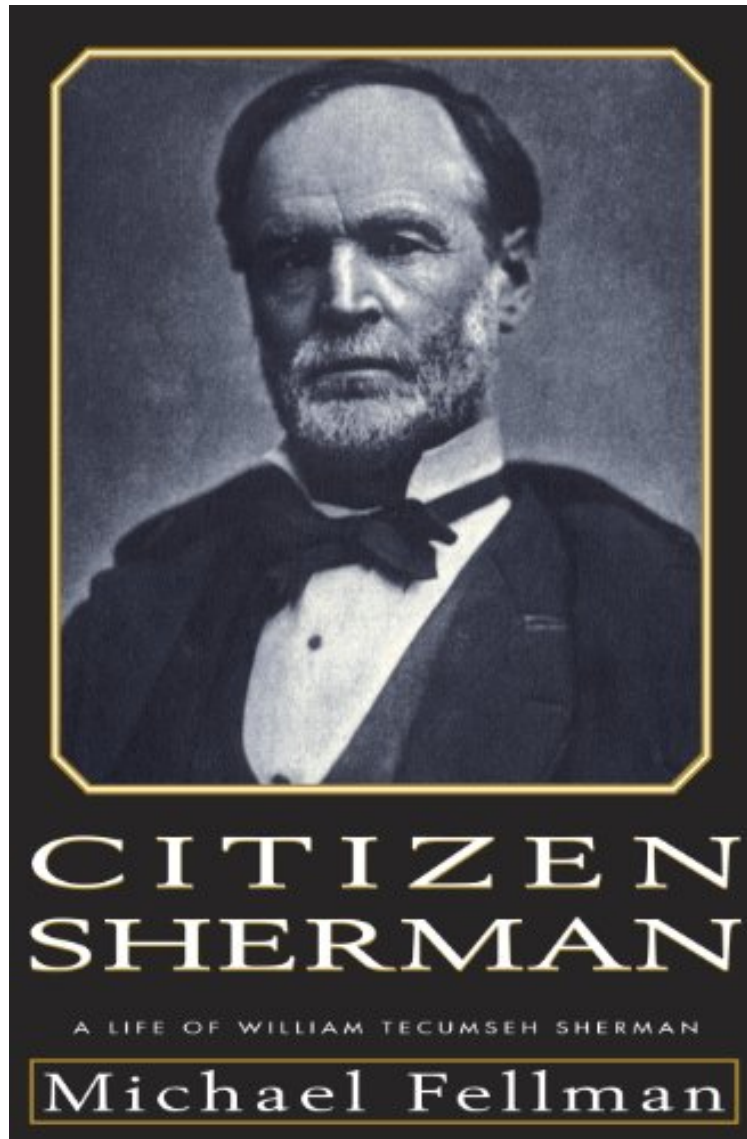


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Michael Fellman writes an outstanding account of General William T. Sherman's private life that is essential to understanding the mind of the famous general. The book is not a thorough biography of the commander of the Army of the Tennessee, but instead, an analysis of the Sherman's state of mind in his official and private correspondence. Fellman highlights the important episodes in the general's life and correlates them into a firm portrait of Sherman's flaws and personality quirks. Although the author does not indulge in psychobabble about his subject matter, he does present several analytical theories that readers might find interesting. Citizen Sherman best serves as a supplement to other studies of the general in understanding this complex man.
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I don't want to go into detail about the book, I just wrote a six page review of it for a history class. I would like to point out that anyone interested in a detailed biography of Sherman's life should avoid this book. If, on the other hand, you want cynical speculation as to what was going on in Sherman's head during his life, by all means read it. The Author uses few sources and assumes an incredible amount of detail into the now long past life of Sherman. The author, in hindsight, also criticizes Sherman for being a man of his time. He does this with a few token attempts at impartiality, but never comes across as a sincere historian.
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Citizen Sherman by Michael Fellman is an example of modern-day "psycho-history." As a history student, I find this theme of history to be extremely annoying, pretentious and inaccurate. Fellman's pretention can be seen immediatly, as chapter one is called "Rosebud: A Truncated Patrimony." His attempt to make a reference to Citizen Kane with Sherman's life is just a horrible, horrible reach. Whoever his publisher was really made a mistake in overseeing this book. It's a really bad book that has little to no historical value.

Kurzbeschreibung
Bright, compulsively articulate, famous, loved, hated, and deeply troubled, William T. Sherman was perhaps one of the most compelling personalities in American history. This groundbreaking, in-depth portrait of this significant Civil War figure reveals much about Sherman--and about the concept of manliness in his culture. NOTE: This edition does not include photographs.
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