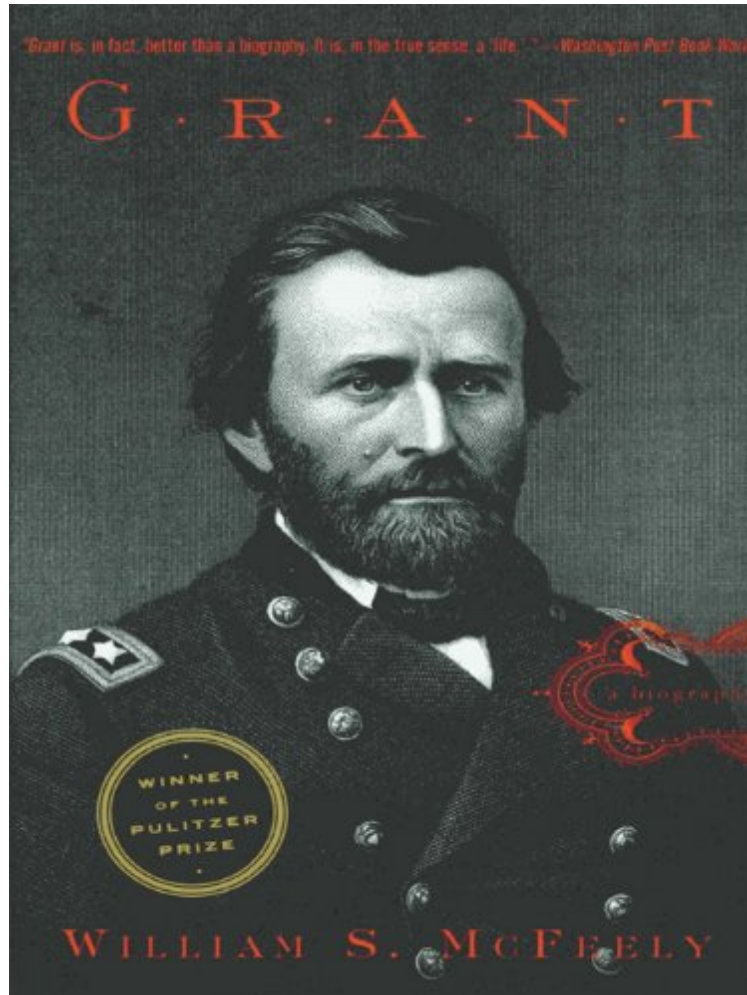


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A grudging nod to excellenceVon Candace ScottMcFeely won the Pulitzer Prize for this book in 1982, but the conclusions he reaches about his subject have drawn fire ever since. Those sympathetic to Grant correctly point to errant assumptions and mistakes in character analysis. Most glaring is McFeely's insistence that Grant gloried in carnage, was insensitive to death and suffering, and was an incompetent chief executive.Actually Grant was one of the most exquisitely sensitive men ever born and was nothing like the 'butcher' that McFeely describes. However, the research in the book is outstanding and there are very few factual errors to be found. This contrasts markedly to Geoffrey Perret's recent 1997 Grant biography, which contained inaccuracies on nearly every page. McFeely is most

solid in the period of Reconstruction, though he is usually overly prone to criticize the hapless Grant. Throughout many chapters, it seems the General can't buy a break. McFeely's greatest admiration for Grant is contained in two areas of his life: his family relationships, specifically his loving marriage to wife Julia, and his abilities as a writer. McFeely leaves no doubt that he regards Grant's 1885 Memoirs as one of the great books ever written and the best part of this biography is in explaining the processes Grant used to produce such a masterpiece, while dying of throat cancer. With its flaws and uneven treatment of Grant, McFeely's book cannot be considered definitive, but it is still the only complete biography of Grant written in the past 30 years. Perret's limping entry isn't even in the same league as this book, in accuracy, writing or research. To sum up: overly critical, but a must read for Civil War buffs.

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Well-written and Interesting Von Brad Penrith Grant neo-phytes may hate this book for its faults (and there are faults in some conclusion McFeely makes), but there are few histories of Grant which are as lively or informative as McFeely's. If you're interested in Grant and not afraid to confront the assumptions of an author there may not be a much better place to look for the whole of Grant's life experiences than here.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Interessante Biographie ber einen interessanten Mann. Von Mark Frse McFeely bringt das Leben eines durch seine "Gewohnlichkeit" auergewöhnlichen Mannes nher. In einer bersichtlichen Zusammenschau der wesentlichen Gen. Grant prgenden Ereignisse wird dieser dem Leser anschaulich. McFeely reiht sich mit diesem Buch in die beste Tradition angloamerikanischer Biographie-Literatur ein, in welcher nicht nur schnde Fakten aneinander gereiht werden, sondern vielmehr lebendig und wirklich spannend der Roman eines Lebens erzht wird. Fr jeden, der sich fr die Person Gen. Grants insbesondere oder die Ablufe in den U.S.A. des vorvergangenen Jahrhunderts im Kontext des Brgerkrieges interessiert ein absolutes Mu!

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