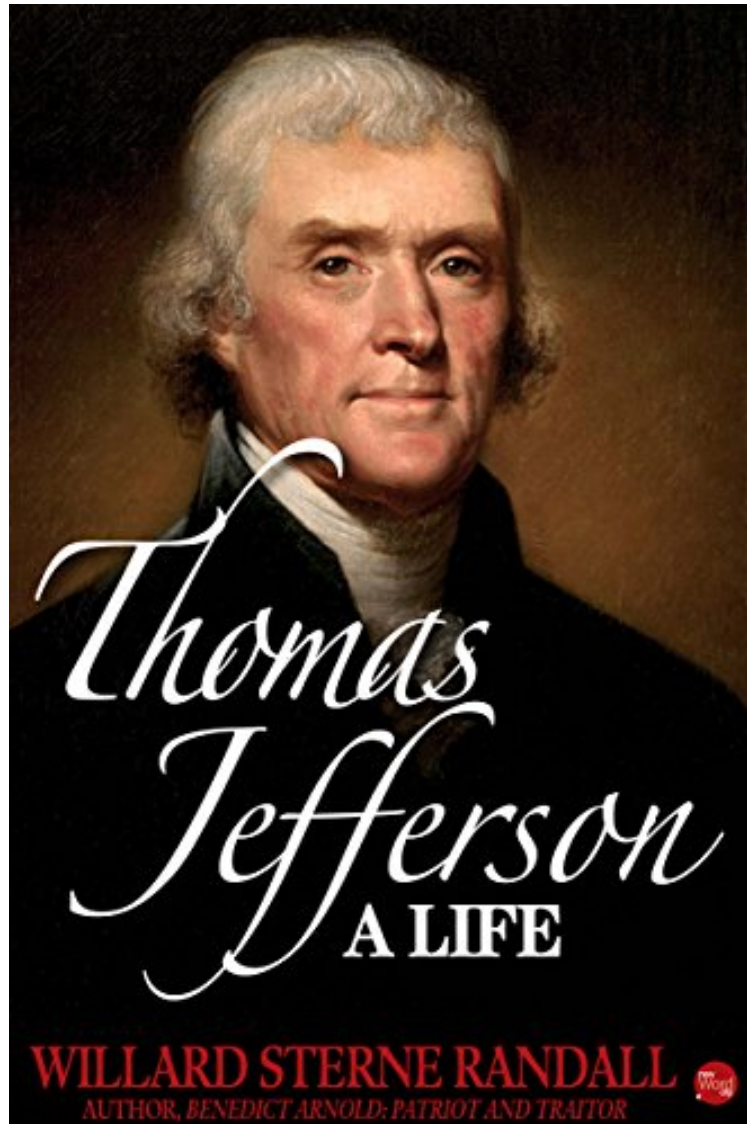


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and political events of Jefferson's lifetime. However, Randall is very sparse and fairly weak in details after Thomas Jefferson returned from France and became Secretary of State. The author only devotes one fifty page chapter (in a 600 page book) on Jefferson's presidency. It seems as if the editor or author had a deadline to meet and therefore could not devote the same time and effort on the end of this book as was put on the beginning. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I felt like I needed to have prior knowledge of Jefferson. Von jimmywen@aol.com I was a little disappointed with this biography. I never really got used to Randall's writing style. I think he expected the reader to come to the book with substantial prior knowledge of Colonial American history. This was the first book on Jefferson that I have read, but I think it would probably be more informative to a person who has already read several Jefferson biographies. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good Book, Great Man Von Ein Kunde The text at times can be cumbersome, as the author tries too hard to sound overly scholastic. However, he does a masterful job of presenting the life of Jefferson in an unbiased, authoritative way. All aspects of TJ's personal and public life are thoroughly explored. Required reading for any Jefferson buff

Kurzbeschreibung Though books about Thomas Jefferson could fill a small library, there has long been a need for an authoritative, single-volume biography that captures the public and private man as well as the tumultuous age in which he lived. This gracefully rendered portrait fulfills that need. Throughout the narrative, with stories of Jefferson's earliest youth in colonial Virginia to his tragic final days at Monticello, we encounter a dynamic, thoroughly modern man committed to a search for a meaningful, authentic way of life. Despite his playful brilliance, the Jefferson revealed in these pages struggles to maintain a balance between two warring personalities: the carefully controlled philosopher of the Age of Reason and the tortured romantic possessed by sudden and powerful emotions - as in his passionate affair with a British painter. In addition to the author's firsthand scholarship - here and abroad - and the ongoing literary detective work on the Jefferson papers at Princeton University, Willard Sterne Randall calls on his experience and skills as an investigative journalist to unearth new material and to challenge long-held assumptions about the thoughts, motives, and work of the author of the Declaration of Independence. New light is shed on Jefferson's legal career, his views of slavery, various Revolutionary and diplomatic intrigues, as well as matters of the heart. The unsettling controversy among scholars over evidence against his character - concerning in particular his relations with his slave Sally Hemings - is traced back to its source, the allegations of James Callender. In these lively pages we learn why Jefferson, an aristocrat in personal tastes, put his trust in the uneducated (and rural) common man and why he feared the rise of an industrial state. Not least among Randall's considerable achievements in this remarkably complete biography is that he has given readers the real flesh-and-blood Jefferson in a single, riveting volume. deA biography of Thomas Jefferson, who despite his legendary intelligence and political savvy, could be ruthless, not to mention lawless, in his efforts to preserve his causes. Jefferson operated on two levels, as his opposition to slavery as a slaveowner attests. But as Willard Sterne Randall argues, this duality is what made him so effective. Whether Jefferson's 1784 draft of Virginia's constitution "prefigured the founding documents of republics in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America, as well as the Confederate States of America," as Randall claims, is questionable, but his impact on international trade, diplomatic discussions and the success of the state of Virginia cannot be disputed. Pressestimmen "Mr. Randall has written a fair-minded, thoroughly researched, lucidly constructed biography, presenting an extraordinary man against the well re-created circumstances of his time. "-The Atlantic"