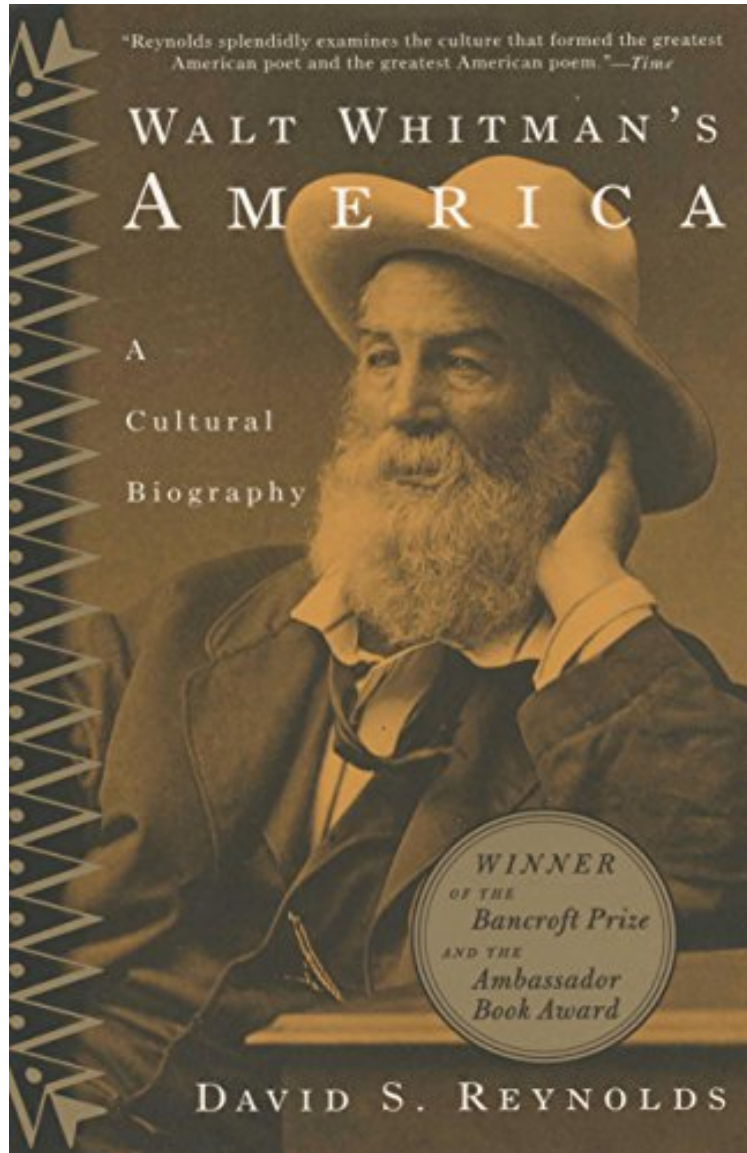


[PDF] Walt Whitman's America: A Cultural Biography

## Walt Whitman's America: A Cultural Biography

Von David S. Reynolds

DOC | \*audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF | ePub



DOWNLOAD



+

READ ONLINE

Produktinformation -Verkaufsrang: #967850 in eBooksVerffentlicht am: 2011-05-04Erscheinungsdatum: 2011-05-04File Name: B004XW60SC | File size: 76.Mb

**Von David S. Reynolds : Walt Whitman's America: A Cultural Biography** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Walt Whitman's America: A Cultural Biography:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. exhaustively researched , from an impartial biographer,Von rchand@tje1.comI found this work extremely entertaining. It was like being back in mid-19th century America. It seemed to make the era come alive with real personalities and real historical character. To understand the complexities of this genius and his time, this book is a

must. It seemed to be refreshingly candid and forth-right without the usual bias one expects on the subject. There was much more to the man and his times than his sexuality. This book reveals the other sides of Walt Whitman. You can feel his pain with him as you share in his America

Kurzbeschreibung Winner of the Bancroft Prize and the Ambassador Book Award and Finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award In his poetry Walt Whitman set out to encompass all of America and in so doing heal its deepening divisions. This magisterial biography demonstrates the epic scale of his achievement, as well as the dreams and anxieties that impelled it, for it places the poet securely within the political and cultural context of his age. Combing through the full range of Whitman's writing, David Reynolds shows how Whitman gathered inspiration from every stratum of nineteenth-century American life: the convulsions of slavery and depression; the raffish dandyism of the Bowery "b'hoys"; the exuberant rhetoric of actors, orators, and divines. We see how Whitman reconciled his own sexuality with contemporary social mores and how his energetic courtship of the public presaged the vogues of advertising and celebrity. Brilliantly researched, captivatingly told, *Walt Whitman's America* is a triumphant work of scholarship that breathes new life into the biographical genre. The greatest American poet is portrayed in this monumental biography as an essential American, not an isolated mystic but a man formed in large measure by his rapidly changing society. Drawing on his diligent research, and on his experience writing the monumental work *Beneath the American Renaissance*, noted scholar David S. Reynolds conclusively demonstrates the profound impact the popular culture of his day had on Whitman's awakening as an artist. This copious (nearly 700 page) volume tells the story of 19th-century America as well as the story of the Whitman himself. The greatest American poet is portrayed in this monumental biography as an essential American, not an isolated mystic but a man formed in large measure by his rapidly changing society. Drawing on his diligent research, and on his experience writing the monumental work *Beneath the American Renaissance*, noted scholar David S. Reynolds conclusively demonstrates the profound impact the popular culture of his day had on Whitman's awakening as an artist. This copious (nearly 700 page) volume tells the story of 19th-century America as well as the story of the Whitman himself.