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William Manchester (1922–2004) was a journalist, Professor of History Emeritus at Wesleyan University, and the best-selling author of several noted histories, novels, and biographies. Notable works include *The Last Lion*, a biography of Winston Churchill spanning several volumes; *American Caesar*, on the life of Douglas MacArthur; *The Arms of Krupp*, *A World Lit Only By Fire*; and *The Death of a President*. His awards include the Dag Hammarskjöld International Literary Prize, the National Humanities Medal, the Abraham Lincoln Literary Award, and the Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award.

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