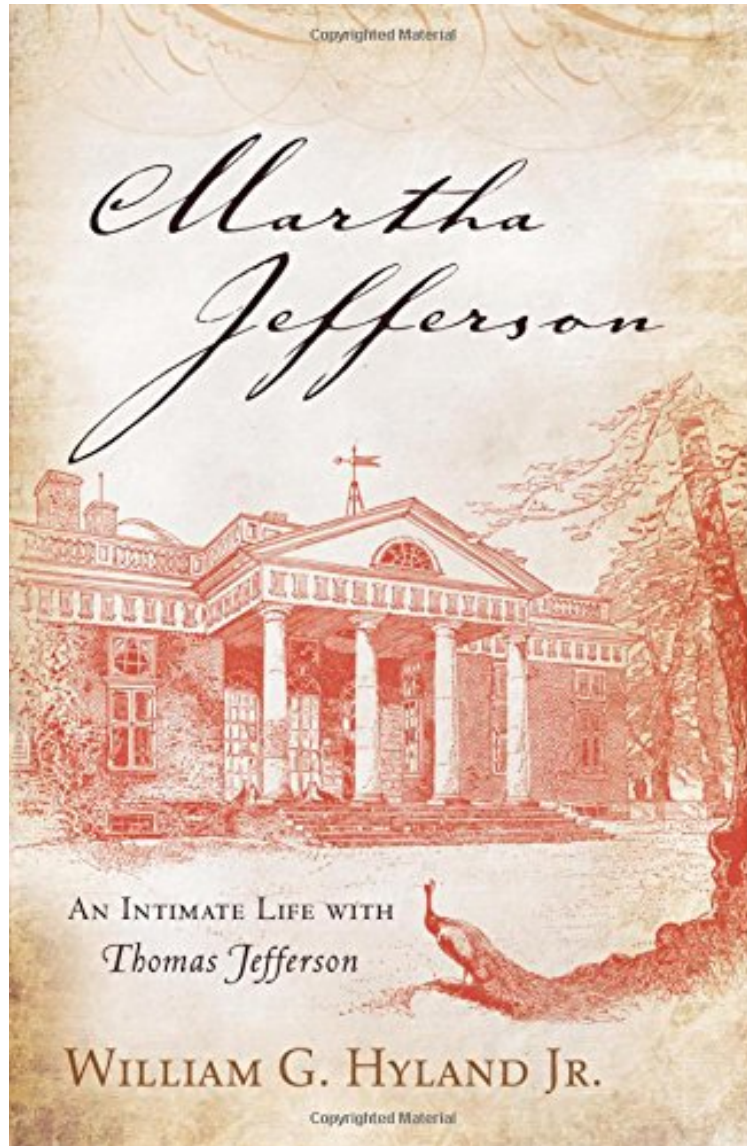


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William G. Hyland Jr. : Martha Jefferson: An Intimate Life with Thomas Jefferson before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Martha Jefferson: An Intimate Life with Thomas Jefferson:

5 of 7 people found the following review helpful. His kingdom for an editor, Please!By Eve HillWhere is an editor when one is needed? While there is some history in here and the author has apparently done research, as witness the footnotes and appendices, it is terribly, awfully, horribly repetitive and full of instances using words such as "septum"

when he means "sputum" (pg. 193) . On page 70 in the space of three sentences the author describes Martha Jefferson's eyes as "The richest shade of hazel," quoting another source and two sentences later declares "Her eyes were pale blue starred with bristly black lashes." He repeats the quote about hazel eyes and her auburn hair color ad nauseam throughout the book. The editor could easily have taken about a hundred pages out of this and not missed a thing. The manuscript jumps back and forth in time, which would not be a problem if there were some cohesiveness without repeating almost exactly the same quotes from sources and other authors so often and usually within the space of a few pages. This book was one that I had hoped to use for a book group discussion by a national women's history organization which has many Jefferson descendants among the members. (No, it is not the D.A. R.) Sadly, it is just unsuited to the purpose. 0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. He lost me when he said that George Mason wrote ...By Miss Allergy He lost me when he said that George Mason wrote the Bill of Rights, but I did leaf through the rest and saw repetitions, discrepancies, and speculation. 5 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Martha Jefferson was the most important person in Thomas Jeffersons ...By W. Hyland Martha Jefferson was the most important person in Thomas Jeffersons life. William Hylands insightful portrait tells us how this little understood fact acquired a tragic dimension. Thomas Fleming, author of *The Intimate Lives of the Founding Fathers*

Martha Jefferson is the first and only biography of Thomas Jeffersons greatest love and true kindred spirit, who died an untimely death at the young age of thirty-three in 1782. Drawing on a wealth of newly probed sources including family letters, documents, and the handwritten notes left by Jeffersons famed biographer, Dumas Malone William G. Hyland Jr. captures the charm, sophistication, and grace, as well as a profound sense of history, of this little known and elusive figure who, until now, has been a mere footnote to the story of Americas founding. Hyland brings us a conflicted and honest Martha Jefferson, who endured the Revolution as valiantly as some men defending her very doorstep from raiding British troops and presided over the domestic life of the Jeffersons little mountain, Monticello, during her husbands long absences and historic rise to power. A revealing and insightful look at an often overlooked American woman, this book provides a unique and previously unexplored understanding of Americas Revolutionary Era, and the men and women upon whose bravery, talent, and resolve our nation was founded.

Very little has been known about Martha Wayles Jefferson. William Hyland has changed that by successfully combining what was known with what had been forgotten or overlooked and then placing her with the people she knew and the places she visited. A heart-warming story that is enlightening and easy to read. (White McKenzie Wallenborn, M.D., Former President of the Thomas Jefferson Heritage Society) Martha Jefferson was the most important person in Thomas Jeffersons life. William Hylands insightful portrait tells us how this little understood fact acquired a tragic dimension. (Thomas Fleming, author of *The Intimate Lives of the Founding Fathers*) Its hard to imagine a nonfiction book that combines a passionate romance with political intrigue, and even wartime panic, but William Hyland has accomplished this task. His *Martha Jefferson* is a meticulous and insightful account of the central person in Thomas Jeffersons life an extraordinary woman whom history has largely ignored. She, and their relationship, are now in the spotlight, finally. (Arthur T. Downey, *The Creole Affair: The Slave Rebellion that Led the U.S. and Great Britain to the Brink of War*) Mrs. Thomas Jefferson, beloved wife and steadfast partner in the revolutionary years of Americas founding visionary, is at long last brought fully and convincingly to life. I commend the work. It may be perhaps the best way to bring the Jefferson and women imaginings back to reality. (Eric S. Peterson, Editor, *Light and Liberty: Reflections on the Pursuit of Happiness*) We cannot understand Thomas Jefferson without knowing the love of his life, Martha Wayles Jefferson. Hyland masterfully brings Martha to life by compiling little known facts and opinions about her and placing her in the context of Thomas Jeffersons life. (Cynthia Burton, historian and author of *Jefferson Vindicated Fallacies, Omissions, and Contradictions in the Hemings Genealogical Search* Paperback (2005)) Martha Jefferson is the first and only biography of Thomas Jeffersons greatest love and true kindred spirit, who died an untimely death at the young age of 33 in 1782. Drawing on a wealth of newly probed sources, including family letters, documents, and the handwritten notes left by Jeffersons famed biographer, Dumas Malone, William Hyland captures the charm, sophistication, grace and a profound sense of history of this little known and elusive figure who, until now, has been a mere footnote to the story of Americas founding. About the Author William G. Hyland Jr., a professor of law at Stetson University and practicing attorney, is the author of *In Defense of Thomas Jefferson: The Sally Hemings Sex Scandal*, and *Long Journey with Mr. Jefferson: The Life of Dumas Malone*.