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William Manchester was a hugely successful popular historian and renowned biographer. In addition to the three volumes of *The Last Lion*, his books include *Goodbye, Darkness, A World Lit Only by Fire, The Glory and the Dream, The Arms of Krupp, American Caesar, and The Death of a President*, as well as assorted works of journalism. He was awarded the National Humanities Medal and the Abraham Lincoln Literary Award. He passed away in 2004.

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