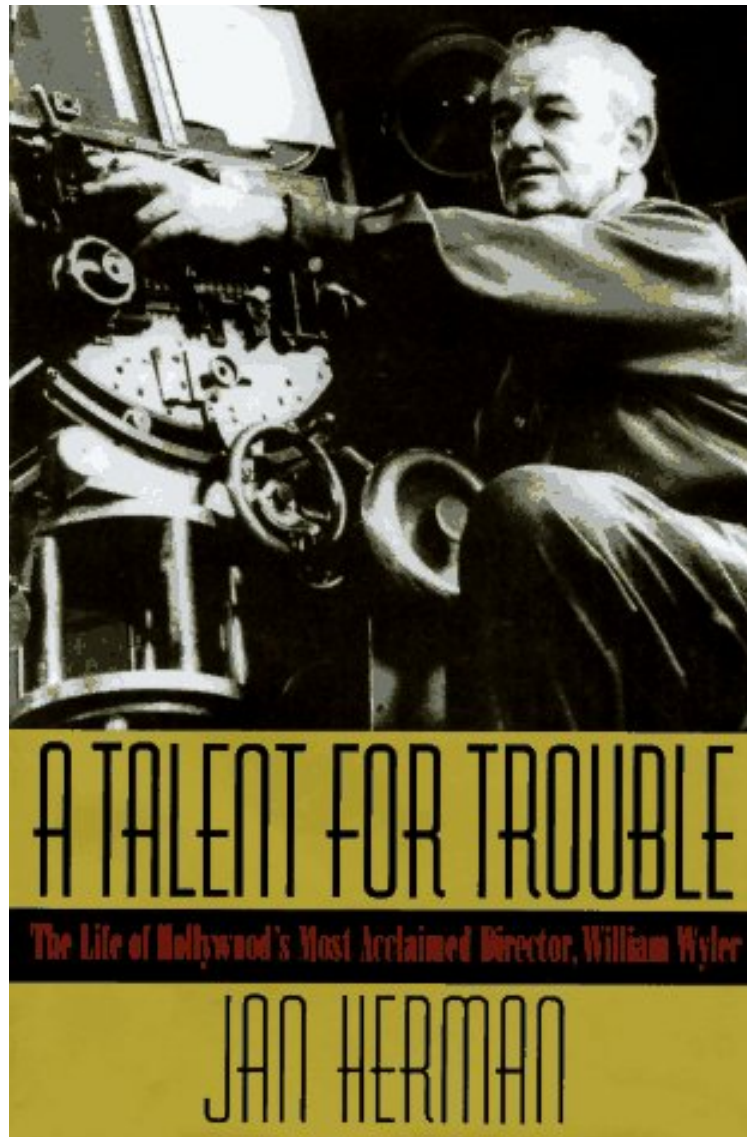


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Written in cooperation with the Wyler family, a portrait of celebrated director William Wyler chronicles his life of daredevil stunts, legendary studio battles, stormy love affairs, personal tragedies, and silver screen achievements.

.com William Wyler is not as well known as Alfred Hitchcock, Orson Welles, or John Ford, but he deserves a place among the superstar directors of classic Hollywood. His style was magnificently fluid; while his films are masterpieces of cinematic artistry, they are also filled with beautiful elements that make his characters and situations utterly real. Among other classics, he directed "Dead End," "Wuthering Heights," "The Little Foxes," "Mrs. Miniver," "The Best Years of Our Lives," "The Heiress," "Roman Holiday," "Ben-Hur," and "Funny Girl." Jan Herman's biography is a lively account of Wyler's life and career that pays special attention to the director's early experiences in Europe, his relationship to the Hollywood mogul Carl Laemmle, his combative partnership with Samuel Goldwyn, his friendships with John Huston and Lillian Hellman, his marriage to Margaret Tallichet, his harrowing experiences making propaganda films during World War II, and his long, immensely successful professional career. From Publishers Weekly Researched and written with the Wyler family's cooperation, Herman's richly satisfying biography takes a close look at the feisty, mischievous William Wyler (1902-1981), who directed *Wuthering Heights*, *Roman Holiday*, *Friendly Persuasion*, *Funny Girl* and many other memorable films, won three Academy Awards and guided more actors to Oscars (13) than any other director. Herman describes Wyler's painstaking approach to making his 32 films, showing how he worked with writers, actors, producers and technical crew. Equally well-covered are Wyler's early romances, his marriage and family life, his friendship with director John Huston, his thorny but productive relationship with producer Samuel Goldwyn, and his brave defiance of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Finally, Herman reveals how the death of his brother in 1971 led to Wyler's surprising decision to retire from filmmaking and spend the final decade of his life traveling around the world. Written by an award-winning journalist for the Los Angeles Times, this biography is a major addition to the literature of Hollywood's golden age. Photos. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Wyler was the most consistent craftsman during Hollywood's golden age, directing best-picture Oscar winners like *Best Years of Our Lives* and *Ben Hur*. Wyler would coax, cajole, or bully performances. Olivier said Wyler taught him to act for the camera and ex-lover Bette Davis counted him a favorite director. This book depicts Wyler's rise through the studio system, his turbulent friendship with longtime producer Sam Goldwyn, a brief marriage to actress Margaret Sullavan (later called a "batty broad" by Wyler), and his World War II frontline service directing combat films, which resulted in severe hearing loss. After the war Wyler defended colleagues against the blacklist but "chickened out" on a lesbian theme in *The Children's Hour*. He also passed on a lucrative job directing *The Sound of Music* because he couldn't bear making a film about "all those nice Nazis." Written with help from Wyler's friends and family, this is the most comprehensive book yet published on a gifted but very human director. Highly recommended. ?Stephen Rees, Bucks Cty. Free Lib., Levittown, Pa. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.