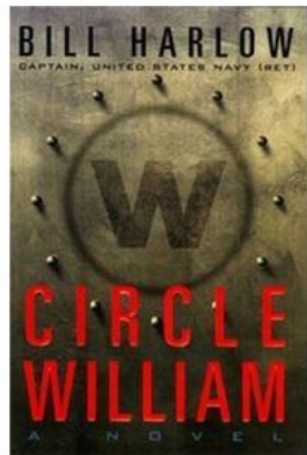


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Von Bill Harlow : Circle William (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Circle William (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. What thriller?Von Ein KundeThis was a book that should have been better, but it shows that having insider knowledge doesn't necessarily make you a better writer. The characters are horribly conceived and written. The Captain and his crew seem to belong in a sitcom not a realistic novel. The antics of the Captain and crew would seem to indicate a removal from command or a court martial not the reward of a high-profile assignment. The XO and the religious zealot ensign are not believably written. For all of our sakes, I hope this isn't a realistic depiction of our military forces. The press secretary brother is better written but there is still too much of an attempt to give everyone their own little idiosyncracies and it becomes very forced. All the other characters seem to be from technothriller casting central. But that all could be excused if the action was believable and up to snuff but what little military action there is seems underwritten and anticlimatic. If you're writing in this genre, it's important not to skimp on the military sequences and rush to a conclusion. I'm sure Mr. Harlow could bring a lot to the genre with his insider knowledge, but hopefully next time it's with a better story and a stronger editor. I'm glad I checked this one out from the library instead of buying it.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Fine Fun First NovelVon ANDREW W. OHARACircle William by Bill Harlow is a riveting, fast paced, first-rate effort for a first novel. The heroes are heroic, the villains, villainous, and the good guys win. If you're looking for literature, search elsewhere, but if you want a few hours diversion in the company of some believable and developed characters acting out an intriguing story line, you've picked the right book. Clanceyesque is his attention to detail and technical expertise, Harlow weaves his action, adventure plot through the halls of the White House to the decks of a modern Aegis destroyer with agility. Reminiscent of the storytelling style of W.E.B. Griffin, he moves closer to Nelson DeMille in the quality of his writing. Intelligent, funny and respectful of his reader, Harlow avoids many of the pitfalls of modern fiction, one of which seems to be the required gratuitous sex sequence. He does set the stage for this standard cliché but deftly lets the

story carry itself away believably. All is not perfect in Circle William. Some of the characters are two dimensional - notably the Secretary of State and the Executive Officer of USS Churchill, both of whom fail to evolve into complete people. They seem to have no purpose other than the advancement of their own careers and the annoyance of everyone around them. Wait a second, I know those guys! Then we have CDR Jim Schmidt, an officer with whom most military guys would love to serve, but who would have trouble surviving in today's politically correct military with his crew of lively-but- lovable liberty risks more suited to McHale's Navy than to today's. Harlow paints a picture of a Navy from a more forgiving era when sailors were not expected to be candidates for canonization, when kicking up your heels on liberty was viewed as normal and when the nation seemed to understand that the guys it hires to do its killing may not be suitable guests for afternoon tea. Bill Harlow describes a Navy I remember fondly - but I digress. Action, adventure, a little bit of fantasy and some skillful writing can create magic in the right hands, and Bill Harlow has 'em. If he is the quick study which his former high powered military career would indicate, his next novel should be stunning. Andrew W. O'Hara LtCol USMC(Ret)0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. CIRCLE WILLIAM - 1999 Colby Award Winner Von Ed Tracy, Executive Director (tracye@norwich.edu) Circle William was awarded the prestigious Colby Award on April 16, 1999 at the 1999 William E. Colby Military Writers' Symposium, Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont. The Colby Award, named in honor of the former Ambassador and CIA director, is presented for a first work of fiction or non-fiction which has made a major contribution to the understanding of intelligence operations, military history or international affairs. Presenting the award was Symposium co-founder, W.E. B. Griffin. On hand for the 1999 event were authors Ralph Peters, Harold Coyle, Fred Chiaventone and CNN's Frank Sesno. The William E. Colby Military Writers Symposium -- founded in 1996 by the late Ambassador Colby, W.E.B. Griffin and Carlo D'Este -- holds events at Norwich University, the nation's oldest private military college, in April and at the National Press Club in November each year. Among the top authors and historians in the Colby Circle are: W.E.B. Griffin, Tom Clancy, Stephen Coonts, Dale Brown, Phil Caputo, Fred Chiaventone, Thomas E. Ricks, Ralph Peters, Harold Coyle, Ed Ruggero, H. R. McMaster, Admiral Stansfield Turner, Frank Sesno, Cole Kingseed, Carlo D'Este, GEN Gordon R. Sullivan, USA (Ret.) and Winston Groom.

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