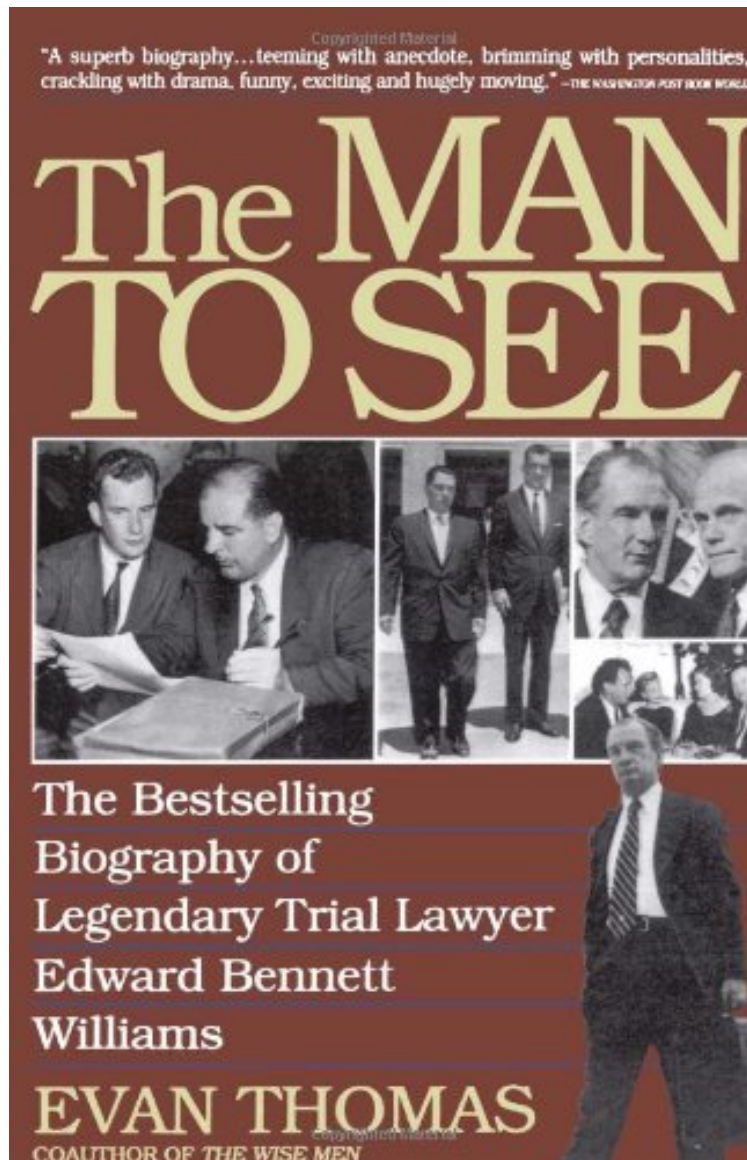


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From Publishers WeeklyThomas, Newsweek 's Washington, D.C., bureau chief, superbly captures the famed capital trial lawyer/power broker's complex personality and life. Photos. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.From Library JournalThis action-packed biography of one of America's best-known trial lawyers moves from case to case with a list of clients that reads like a who's who among dignitaries, Hollywood stars, underworld figures, and self-made millionaires. Famous clients included Frank Sinatra, Jimmy Hoffa, Hugh Hefner, and Joe McCarthy. Williams's strategies, from how he chose jurors to his unique theatrics, made him a courtroom winner. At an hourly rate of \$1000, he was the highest-paid lawyer in America! Besides portraying Williams the lawyer, Thomas also exposes the man, who was addicted to fame, power, and wealth. He was intolerant of mistakes, hated vacations, and was often preoccupied with work. But he had a soft, kind side and was always available to help a friend in need. Because of the importance and complexity of Williams's cases, this book is very informative about politics, the legal system, and recent historical events. Recommended for public and academic libraries.- Teresa Brady, Holy Family Coll., PhiladelphiaCopyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.From Kirkus sEngagingly, Newsweek Washington bureau-chief Thomas tells the colorful story of the controversial criminal lawyer who defended spies, mobsters, demagogues, and even industrialists from legal punishment, but who left moral judgments to the ``majestic vengeance of God." In many ways, Williams's career was unique. He was a respectable Washington insider whose access to the secrets of the powerful gave him a reputation as a ``fixer" of legal difficulties, yet he was a criminal lawyer who willingly defended thugs, Mafia dons, and pornographers and lived a fast life among athletes and other celebrities in bars and nightclubs. Although a devout Catholic who attended mass daily, Williams emerges in Thomas's account as an amiable, morally ambivalent rogue who thrived on power. Thomas portrays Williams as an aggressive competitor at the game of litigation who would defend anyone ``as long as they gave him total control of the case and paid up front," and for whom defeat was unacceptable. The author shows that Williams was genuinely brilliant as a lawyer--for instance, his successful defense of Jimmy Hoffa, in what initially seemed an unwinnable case, was a stunning display of legal virtuosity. Gradually, Williams's clients became wealthier, and Williams became one of the first, and most celebrated, specialists in ``white collar" crime. Armand Hammer, Marvin Mandel, John Connally, and Robert Strauss numbered among his clients. Williams became so wealthy from his practice that, among other investments, he eventually became owner of the Washington Redskins and the Baltimore Orioles. Liver cancer, which struck in January 1987 and eventually killed him, prevented him from accepting an offer from President Reagan to helm the CIA. A skillful and lively portrait of a larger-than-life lawyer. (Sixteen pages of bw photographs--not seen.) -- Copyright 1991, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.