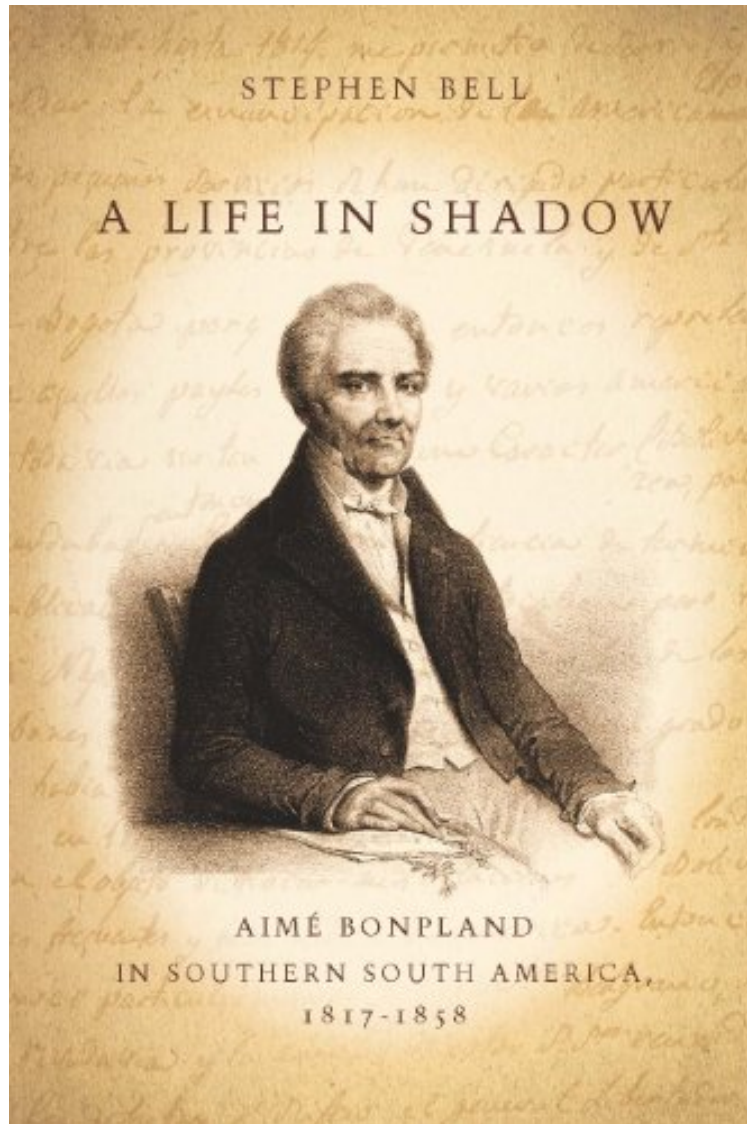


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Erhellte nicht nur das Leben von Aim Bonpland im südlichen Südamerika, sondern auch die historisch-geographischen sowie politischen Bedingungen in der Region in dieser Zeit und ihre Auswirkungen bis heute. Ein wichtiges Buch!

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