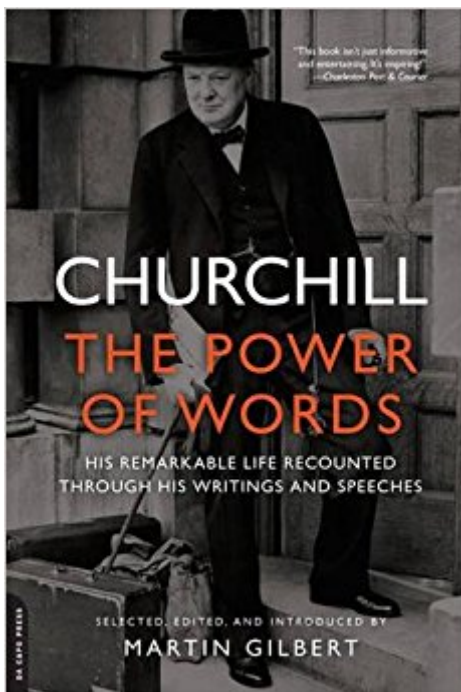


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Sir Martin Gilbert is one of Britain's leading historians. He is the author of more than eighty books and an Honorary Fellow of Merton College, Oxford. He lives in London.

Being an Indian, ever since my childhood I have heard only bad things about this man; and with all honesty almost all of it is true. He was directly responsible for a devastating famine in India during the war. But as I grew up, I understood that the situation was beyond his control. He was leading a war against tyranny and his interests lied in victory of his country. Every human being is flawed and they take wrong decisions and in this case we were in the wrong side. So I thought of learning a bit about his life and works and purchased this book. The first good thing is, the organisation of the materials. It's like a journey through the life of Churchill rather than a boring documentary. Every section has an introduction to what follows, to put things in the right context. As you keep reading, you will see a certain new character trait of Churchill which he developed from a certain experience. Churchill's writings are sharp and clean and the author of this book has done a great job in sketching a brief picture of Churchill's life. The second second is History: I learned a lot about the world the world history by reading this book. Whenever I found anything that I have not heard before, I just went to Wikipedia and learned about that chapter of history. To cut the long story short, this book tells you a lot about Churchill's life and his journeys. A well read man who had travelled to far corners of the world and had all sorts of experiences. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and learned a lot from it. I would advise the reader to go slowly through the book and use the internet to find more information about any incidents that she/he is not aware of. It might improve your history by a significant amount, at least it did for me.

I have yet to finish this book. Churchill is an inspiration. My hope is to learn from his wisdom, rise above my rudimentary public school education and inspire others.

This book is a great read for someone that is really interested in hearing the history of Winston Churchill through his own words. The author did an excellent job in sorting through and including pertinent speeches that present a broad picture of his thoughts and experiences throughout his life. On the top corners of each page is reference to what year it was and how old he was at the time. The author introduces each speech or writing with context of when, where and why it was written or spoken. The reason I gave it four stars was I felt that on certain speeches the author included more than was necessary. Overall this book is a very well written history from Churchill's perspective.

I've always wondered what any serious reader would gain by reading a Churchill biography when the man himself is a hugely productive (and publicity loving) writer and speechmaker. With this book, the answer is, clearly, Not much (excepting Manchester's awesome 2 volumes). Skip the biographies, and judge the great man by his own (very many) words.

Great book and sent as promised.

The title says it all! This was a gift - graduation present for my nephew - and was very well received! I will probably get another for myself after browsing through it. Especially liked (as did my nephew) the inclusion of Churchill's early writings. Of course it includes the famous and awe inspiring war-time speeches, but a terrific intro for those not so familiar with the total scope of his career and life.

Excellent book. The editor obviously respected Churchill and has carefully selected gems from throughout Churchill's life to inform the reader about the man and his times. Martin Gilbert is not only a great biographer and scholar, but an incredible teacher.

This was one of the two best references I found on Churchill for my history report. Full of quotes and stories that describe Churchill's incredible impact during WWII. Easy to read and entertaining. I'd highly recommend this book.

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