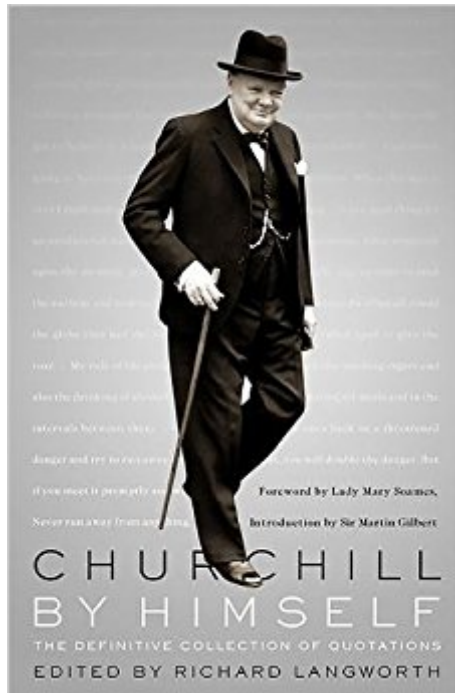


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Churchill By Himself: The Definitive Collection Of Quotations



Synopsis

Winston Churchill (1874-1965) was one of the most inspiring leaders of the twentieth century, and one of its greatest wits. War reporter, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Prime Minister, Nobel Laureate, wordplay enthusiast, he was a powerful man of many words. Throughout his life, he moved, entertained, and sometimes enraged people with his notorious wit and razor-sharp tongue. Consequently, he is one of the most oft-quoted and misquoted leaders in recent history. Now in paperback, Churchill by Himself is the first fully annotated and attributed collection of Churchill sayings--edited by longtime Churchill scholar Richard M. Langworth and authorized by the Churchill estate--that captures Churchill's wit in its entirety.

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Richard M. Langworth is the author of A Connoisseur's Guide to the Books of Winston Churchill and the editor of *Finest Hour*, the journal of Winston Churchill. He served as president of The Churchill Centre from 1990 to 1999 and has since served on its board of trustees.

Winston Churchill is one of the few men whose name stands a good chance of being spoken by men as long as freedom exists. At 66, Churchill was called upon to rally a nation, an empire, teetering on the abyss of defeat. And Churchill rallied his nation, his empire and the free world with his words. A gifted orator and writer, Churchill authored 15 million published words. In this book are collected about 350,000 of Churchill's words in 4,120 quotations. The editor, Richard Langworth, has done extensive research to validate the words as Churchill's own. It turns out that many follow the maxim of attributing words to Churchill that he had nothing to do with. Churchill spent 50 years in public life. He was a soldier, journalist, Member of Commons, Lord of the Admiralty, member of the opposition, Prime Minister, world renowned author and more. I've been an admirer of Churchill all my life. Many of the quotations are familiar to me. Yet, as they are categorized here, they take on a new life, a new perspective. Langworth begins with "The Immortal Words", the words of Churchill that will live forever in the memories of free men everywhere. The pity is that these words are rarely taught in American public schools. We will lose what we do not cherish and this means both the words of Churchill and our freedom. Langworth progresses through Maxims, Churchillisms ("I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat"), 34 sections in all that allow the reader to sense the full of Churchill and his words. This is as remarkable book not only for Churchill admirers and students, but for those who revel in the beauty of the English language. Jerry

Richard Langworth has hit another grand slam with his new book, *Churchill by Himself: The Definitive Collection of Quotations*. This is an extraordinary work of scholarship that documents what Churchill said and didn't say. Like his previous work, *A Connoisseur's Guide to the Books of Winston Churchill* (unfortunately I lost mine in Katrina), Richard's meticulous attention to detail sheds pure white light on Churchill's quotations. It's about time someone cleared the air! The Bible, Shakespeare, Churchill, and perhaps Mark Twain with a dash of Teddy Roosevelt make up the lion's share of quotations used by business people and governmental speech makers. I'm no longer surprised how many quotations are attributed to Churchill which he never said or would have said. Now we can all get ground truth thanks to Richard Langworth.

Wonderful compilation of Churchill's own words. He had a wonderful mastery of the English language and was very erudite. It seems he was "made" to run Britain during WW II and his words often ring true today. It's not necessarily a book you sit and read cover to cover as you would a novel. It's more like an encyclopedia of Churchill's words and speeches (and some good one liners). At a couple of dollars it is quite a worthy book to have. Highly recommend it.

Needed in one's life span.

It is no surprise that the content is deeply satisfying; Churchill's charming wit and inspiring character are legendary. The editor's skill in discussing the context of the entries adds a great deal of value to both the famous remarks and those that are more obscure. As a Churchill enthusiast, it was easy for me to be excited and satisfied by the comprehensive catalogue of Churchill's work and by the first class scholarship of Mr. Langworth. A pleasant discovery, however, was the spectacular reaction I got each time I gave the book as a gift.

(This book was a gift to my husband, who wrote the following review.) I've long been a fan of Winston Churchill's mannered eloquence which, unfortunately, was ignored by his countrymen in the late 30s, but which roused them during World War II. This book outdoes all other books of Churchill quotes. It is broken into topics ("Germany", "World War I", "Science and Medicine", "Ripostes", etc.). Like many books of this sort - a compendium, rather than a structured narrative - one can dip into this at any point at any time, or if so disposed, just read it from front to back.

I purchased this as a gift for my boss, who loves history. He said the book is phenomenal, and was thrilled to receive it. I had been a bit worried as it has pretty small print, but he has no problem reading it.

What an amazing book! Churchill's analysis is spot on, and in hindsight we see clearly how brilliant he was. If only our legislators were interested - there is plenty of advice for them in dealing with today's issues. This is a must read tome for those who want the full flavor of the events and consequences of WWII. The print is small, but well worth the effort.

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