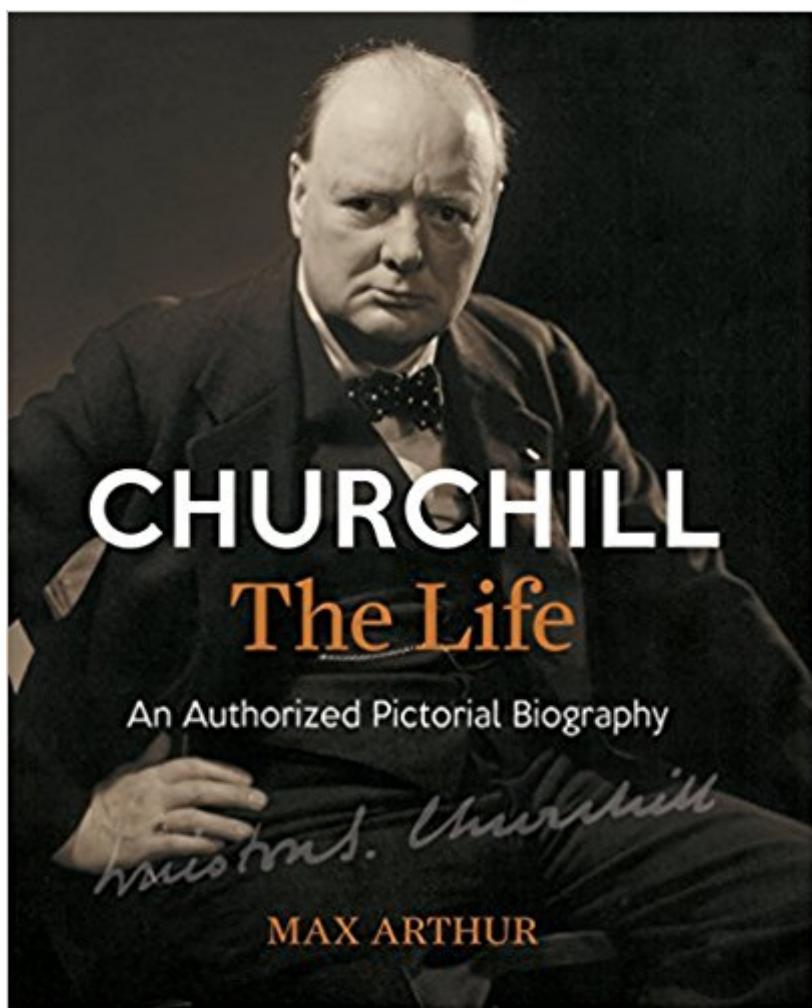


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# Churchill The Life: An Authorized Pictorial Biography



## Synopsis

At 52nd Street and Madison Avenue in New York City sits Chartwell Books, the only bookshop in the world specializing in books, articles and memorabilia of Winston Churchill. Further south in Manhattan is the Morgan Library and Museum where in 2012 a record 70,000 visitors viewed the multimedia exhibition Churchill: The Power of Words. This year is the 50th anniversary of Winston Churchill's death, and coincidentally the 70th anniversary of V-E Day. This stunning book commemorates the life of Britain's greatest leader and the best friend the United States ever had. Eight sections narrate Churchill's monumental life and achievements: Youth 1874-1903: Unhappy son of a British duke and American mother; student; father's death Early Military Career 1898-1916: Soldier; war reporter; escaped prisoner; author; husband and father Early Political Career 1899-1922: Decorated soldier; parliamentarian; government minister The First World War: Political defeat and blunders; American lecture tour; government minister Rising through the ranks: Political legacy of the Great War; government minister; painter; farmer The Second World War: Prime Minister; V-E Day Post-War Years: Political defeat; "Iron Curtain" Speech; daughter's suicide; death of second daughter Legacy: Statesman; historian; Honorary Citizen of the United States; Nobel Prize Laureate, final days. Author and chronicler Max Arthur includes: Previously unpublished photographs of artifacts in the Churchill Archive Centre Family pictures and private correspondence Telegrams, drafts of speeches, press cuttings and official papers Ephemera, like an early report card that describes him as "very bad--in constant trouble to everybody" Pictorial timelines Public correspondence and historical items given to him Fascinating and exhaustingly researched captions and quotes.

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This authorized pictorial biography by British oral historian Arthur provides an intimate portrait of Churchill by examining photographs and documents (some previously unpublished) from each phase in the former British prime minister's life. Arthur traces developments in Churchill's family--particularly his relationship with his wife, Clementine--and his political career. First elected to the parliament in 1900, Churchill played an active role in British politics for more than five decades until he resigned from the position of prime minister in 1955. Arthur stresses the importance of his legacy by including images of Churchill participating in major historical events such as the Yalta Conference in 1945. He provides illuminating commentary on some photographs, but often allows the historical figures to speak for themselves. Quotations from Churchill, his family, friends, and colleagues appear throughout the book, enabling the reader to understand how Churchill's contemporaries viewed him while also hearing echoes of his own words. This unique compilation of documents, visually stunning photographs, and personal details will appeal to avid fans of Churchill and casual readers who want to learn more about this influential man. (Publisher's Weekly 2015-10-01)

Churchill: The Life, An Authorized Pictorial Biography by Max Arthur is an elegant and lavish work that uses about 225 photographs to illustrate the many varied aspects of Churchill's life. The selection of photographs include the famous Karsh and Steichen portraits of Churchill as well as the well-known images of Churchill as a Boer prisoner, at Sidney Street, aboard the Prince of Wales, with Stalin and Roosevelt, and with the royal family at Buckingham Palace on V-E Day.... Many less well known photographs are included [of] both Churchill's political and personal life... the politician with his family... pursuing his hobbies (golf, bricklaying, polo, flying, painting)... memorabilia (cigars, dispatch box, watch) and facsimiles of Churchill letters, speech notes, newspaper articles, and other documents. The most interesting of these documents is the Harrow Punishment Book. All of the images are crisp and clear. (Bradley P. Tolppanen Blog on Winston Churchill 2016-02-14)

This beautifully produced volume brings Churchill vividly to life... The book richly reveals both the private and public sides of the war leader and rhetorician. Churchill emerges as a fully human figure and treads the historical stage with a new energy. Highly recommended. All levels and libraries. (J. D. Lyons Choice 2016-03-01)

Max Arthur is one of Britain's leading oral historians, and author of *Above All, Courage on the Falklands War*, and *Last Post: The Final Word from Our First World War Soldiers*. His 2007 book,

The Faces of World War I, is the biggest-selling illustrated book on the conflict in the UK. He lives and works in West Sussex, England.

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This was a gift.

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