

Winston Churchill By Robert Lewis Taylor

Pulitzer Prize for Fiction (1959) for *The Travels of Jaimie McPheeters* Winston Churchill Given his place in World War II Winston Churchill has become one of those beloved and mythologized historical figures with his edges (his apologia of the British empire especially India) usually overlooked. Winston Churchill The book does not rush through Churchill's formative years and early career or treat these years as unimportant when painting a full picture of the man as is often the unfortunate circumstances in other biographies. The book is primarily not focused on his historical importance to the events of world history though it does not refrain from the occasional detail rather it is a window into the character of the man himself. Instead of a rousing narrative that delves into the deep responsibility anguish and purpose he may have felt during these years the book largely focuses on Churchill's relationships with FDR and Stalin during the war. He spends far less time on WWII than I thought he should and much more on things that occurred before the war - the events that shaped his life - the elections his adventures as a journalist his experiences in WWI that were pivotal in Great Britain winning that war. However minor points taken off due to Taylor's obvious fanboy devotion attempts to transform Churchill's boorish behavior (and there was some of that certainly - especially in regards to women or political opponents) into something quaint and reasonable: This book is a lighthearted biography of Churchill that focuses on what people tend to like the most about him: his character his color and his way with words. Unfortunately author Robert Lewis Taylor's tongue-in-cheek style which I liked at first ended up being annoying to me: Published in 1952 the book is also weighed down by the heavy-handed Cold War anti-communism of the era, Winston Churchill Taylor while an American writes as if he's a ripping good yarn-spinner from late Victorian or early-1900 England. Churchill's biography in this case makes one want to rewrite the rules to living itself, Egos such as Branson have had nothing on Churchill and never will. His is a lesson a testament and a delight to life itself and the power of will: If anything the stories of Churchill's prodigious appetite and workaday routine make one feel small in comparison. This is good stuff and in this book you will see more than one parallel to problems that we are facing today (and tomorrow and tomorrow), Filled with often amusing anecdotes throughout his life the book captures the personality and wisdom of the protector of Western Civilization at its darkest hour, The diction is elevated making it a slightly difficult read if the challenge is met with the wrong attitude: Despite the careful consideration of his early career the reader knows where the story goes and the book seems to be climaxing. However the reader is severely disappointed as the book deals with Churchill's time during the war rather insufficiently: I would not recommend reading this as a purely historical book if you are merely interested in reading about Churchill's finest hour during World Wars II. However it paints a full masterfully crafted painting of a great man, Winston Churchill An undeniably great read regarding Winston Churchill his life and the impact he has had on Great Britain and the world: Robert Taylor's book traces Churchill's life from before he was born until 1952 (the year the book was written), Even after WWII Taylor spends a lot of time on what Churchill did after the - painting occasionally entertaining etc. Fascinating information from a fascinating man - I found myself telling my wife about a quip or story from the book more times than she would care to hear about, Nevertheless a worthy read and something that will keep you up very late into the night: I found it amusing how Churchill's mind works even at a young age: Winston Churchill Great read if you want to know more about this man's life. Taylor's writing is engaging and very readable. Winston Churchill Highly informative and wittingly written. Winston Churchill

