

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

Author : Journalist : Parliamentarian

Winston S. Churchill, has always had a zest for adventure. On graduation from Oxford University in 1962, he circumnavigated the African continent, piloting a single-engine aircraft. Launching a career as a journalist and war-correspondent, he reported 10 wars across three continents.

Elected to the British Parliament in 1970 as the youngest Conservative MP, he served 27 years in the House of Commons, representing a blue-collar district of Manchester, the industrial heartland of England. Appointed Front-bench spokesman on Defence by Margaret Thatcher in 1976, he subsequently served for many years as a member of the Commons Defence Select Committee.

Born in 1940 as Hitler's bombs were falling on Britain, he is the grandson and namesake of Britain's wartime Prime Minister. The son of Randolph Churchill, his mother, Pamela, became a U.S. citizen on her subsequent marriage to Averell Harriman and served as United States ambassador to France from 1993, until her death in 1997.

Like his father and his grandfather before him, Winston Churchill was for many years a journalist and war-correspondent, reporting conflicts in Yemen, the Congo, Angola, Borneo, Vietnam, the Middle East and Biafra. While reporting from Vietnam for *Look* magazine and the British press, he shared the dangers faced by American servicemen in the field, taking part in combat-missions with the United States Air Force. He subsequently became a Roving Foreign Correspondent for *The Times* of London.

Author of distinction, he has 7 books to his credit. *First Journey* (Random House 1964) is an action-packed account of his flight, piloting a single-engine aircraft 20,000 miles round the African continent. In 1967, together with his late father, Randolph, he published the best-selling *Six Day War*, an account of Israel's lightning victory over her Arab neighbours; to this day, it remains the standard work on this remarkable conflict.

In *Defending the West* (1981), Winston Churchill warned of the mortal threat posed by the Soviet Union, soon afterwards dubbed 'The Evil Empire' by President Ronald Reagan. *Memories & Adventures* (1989) records his childhood memories of his grandfather and the adventures of his own youth as a war correspondent.

In *His Father's Son* (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1997) he explores the relationship between Churchill and his only son, Randolph, a work acclaimed by the *New York Times* as: "exceptional, readable, scholarly and well written". More recently he published *The Great Republic – A History of America* (Random House, 1999), in which he brings together in one volume all Sir Winston's writings on America.

His latest book *Never Give In! The Best of Winston Churchill's Speeches*, (Hyperion 2003), has been acclaimed by Prof. Arthur Schlesinger Jr. who wrote: "The drumbeats of history sound through this volume of his majestic speeches, filled with passion and with wit."

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