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Universally acclaimed for their compelling narrative, their fresh insights, and their objective renderings of Winston Churchill's life, *The Last Lion* trilogy presents a revelatory and unparalleled portrait of this brilliant, flawed, and dynamic adventurer, aristocrat, soldier, and statesman.

Born at the end of the 19th century when Imperial Britain still stood at the splendid pinnacle of her power, Churchill would witness the shift a few years later as the Empire hovered on the brink of a catastrophic new era. One of the greatest wartime leaders of our time, he would go on to stand alone, politically isolated in Parliament, as he took the lead in warning of the growing Nazi threat, and would lead Britain to victory against Nazi Germany and the Axis powers in World War II.

Now, celebrated historian William Manchester's landmark biographies are collected together for the first time, along with the eagerly anticipated final installment Churchill's last years in power. More than thirty years in the making, *The Last Lion* is the definitive work on this remarkable man whose courageous vision guided the destiny of a nation during darkly troubled times-and who looms as one of the greatest figures of our century.

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Elvin says

Having read all three volumes of Manchester's masterfully researched bio of Winston Churchill, I am amazed at the man and the biographer!! Though the final volume was completed by Paul Reid, it is nonetheless a great 3 volume read. I have become a fan of Manchester's many detailed accounts of his subjects. I will continue until I have read everything he ever wrote.

Marcia says

I loved these books, even though it took me 10 years to finish them. I am so greatful to Paul Reid for finishing vol. 3. I though he did an excellent job. It seemed almost seamless to me.

Jane says

Loved it. The first two volumes were particularly good.

Gerry says

Sir Winston Spencer Churchill is the most important politician and statesman of the 20th century.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=...>

The three volume set is not a collection of books, words, or stories. It is a painting, an artistic account of the most important Politician and Statesman of the 20th century. The painting within these pages flows and weaves with the song of history, historical significance, humor, sadness, and laughter. The first two volumes I read went by faster than I had hoped. Once picking up the first book and reading the preamble then prologue provided the “setting” of the world in England as one little Winston S. Churchill would be born on 1874. The second volume I realized was finished much too soon – I simply could not put this book down. Periodically I was reading some MLB baseball MVP stories – I did this to hold fast those pages of information for purely digestive reasons. I simply could not put either one of the three books down once I started. If you love detail this series is for you.

Any person interested in Churchill should read this series. Paul Reid did an excellent job with Volume III and I believe that William Manchester would be very proud of Reid's effort.

I would recommend that readers that have not before read anything by William R. Manchester that you consider reading “Goodbye Darkness” first, then maybe (time permitting and your schedule) “American Caesar: The Life of General Douglas MacArthur – 1880 to 1964” and yet another historical book in “Death of a President”; reading these will give you a flare of understanding in Manchester's style.

Barbara Ray says

This is a long and sometimes painful series but well worth it. You learn so much about England and the world during Churchill's life. A great read from other than an American perspective

Jamey Maze says

Very long, but very good (a good book for audio). Manchester finds the personal stories that make a character interesting. Everything I've read from Manchester is excellent.

Andrew Parnell says

The first two volumes of this series was phenomenal. The third was good, but not William Manchester and unfortunately Paul Reid had such big shoes to fill. The only question I have, Did Churchill enjoy war a little too much? It was touched on in the first books prologue, but nowhere else.
