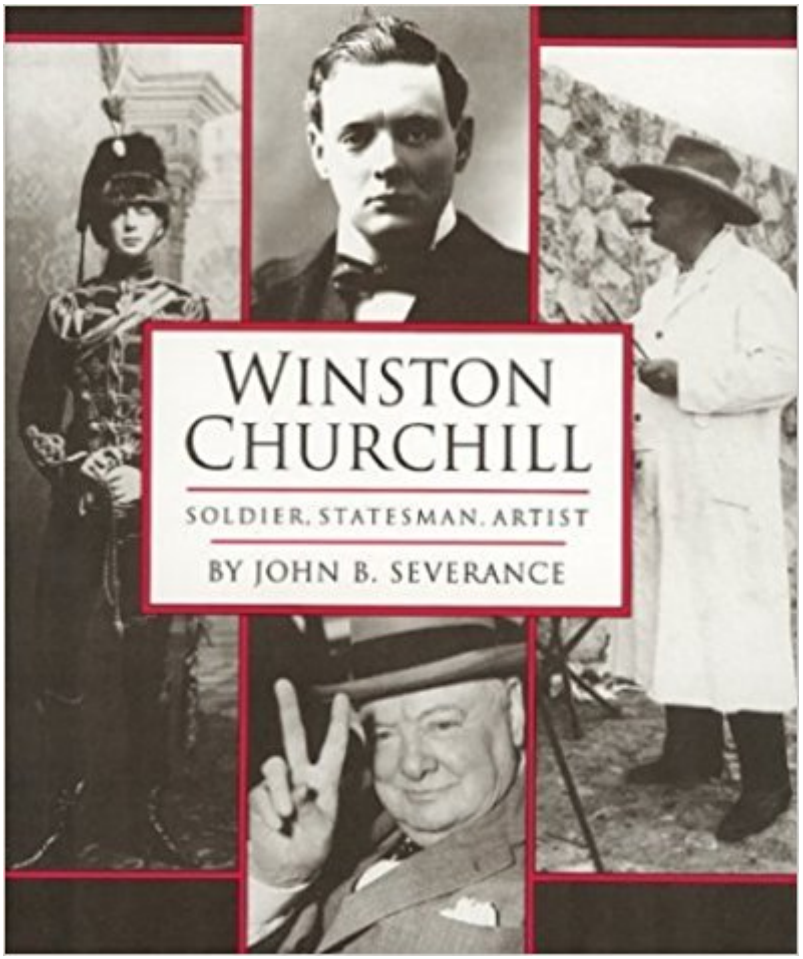
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Customer Reviews

In his first book for young readers, former high school teacher Severance uses simple, eloquent prose to limn Churchill and his times, offering edifying explanations of major events of 20th-century world history as well as of such arcane subjects as Britain's electoral process. While obviously filled with admiration for his subject, whom he has been studying for some 40 years, Severance doesn't lionize Churchill; his discussion of Churchill's shortcomings and controversial actions are as evenhanded as those of Churchill's many talents and notable achievements. A multitude of crisp black-and-white photographs enhance this handsomely designed volume; besides those of Churchill and his family are such arresting images as that of British schoolchildren huddled in a trench watching an air battle during World War II. The bons mots in "Winston's Wit," the concluding chapter, make a charming endpiece to a lively, informative book. Ages 10-up. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 5 Up?This attractively packaged biography presents an affectionate portrait of Britain's

renowned Prime Minister. Although Severance focuses on Churchill’s contributions during World War II, he also describes the statesman’s boyhood, Boer War adventures, and political ascendancy. Churchill’s acumen in military affairs, remarkable leadership ability, and indomitable spirit create a heroic figure; however, his trenchant wit, giant ego, and affinity for cigars and brandy render him human. Severance is perfectly at ease with his subject, offering cogent quotations and anecdotes to support his assessments. The well-written text introduces readers to the times as well as the man. Good-quality black-and-white photographs, many of them full page, appear throughout. Other enhancements include a section of quotations called "Winston’s Wit," a well-chosen bibliography, and a detailed index. While this volume lacks the wealth of primary-source material and the meticulous documentation of William W. Lace’s The Importance of Winston Churchill (Lucent, 1995), it is engaging, balanced, and visually appealing.?Pat Katka, formerly at San Diego Public LibraryCopyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

The book was informative and well written, although I had hoped for a little more meat for my middle schoolers; it would work well for 4th to 6th graders, however.

Excellent read for my 9th Grader... of course I enjoyed it too!

This book is great! We bought it for my 10 year old to use for a school project, but it was so well written and interesting, the whole family read it!

GREAT

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This book looks very interesting. We are very excited to read it for school later this year. Nice pictures too.

As a broad history of Churchill’s life and times, this book was acceptable, but as a biography, it lacked the personal details about Churchill himself that I was looking for. I came away with a better understanding of Churchill’s role in the events of his lifetime but with very little understanding of what made him tick as a person. I wanted to get inside his head and personality, so to speak, but I didn’t feel I "knew" him much better than I did before I read the book. Perhaps this lack of

personality is a result of the targeted age group of young people? The book reads more like a school report of facts than a personal biography of the man himself.

Winston Churchill: Soldier, Statesman, Artist is a biography on one of the most influential men in the 20th century. I wasn't looking forward to reading this, as many biographies are often quite boring. This book, however, was very educational, easy to read, and a fun book. There are many facts that people often don't hear about Churchill (such as he came up with the idea for the tank) that are in this book. He was also a very funny man. The last section in this book is called Winston's Wit, an entire section on funny quotes and sayings by him.If you're looking for a good, educational read on Winston Churchill, this is the book for you.

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