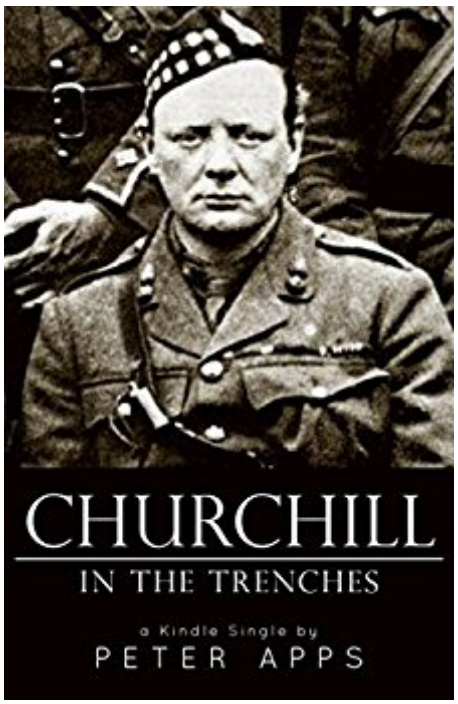
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Synopsis

November 1915: Disgraced and stripped of high office, Winston Churchill heads to the trenches to fight.A quarter of a century before his "finest hour" in 1940, Britain’s future Prime Minister faced a very different kind of crisis. As First Lord of the Admiralty at the start of the First World War, Churchill found himself blamed for the catastrophic military fiasco of the Dardanelles. Thrown for the first time into the political wilderness, he decided to rejoin the British Army and take his place on the Western Front.The first standalone account of this period of his life since the 1920s, Churchill in the Trenches reconstructs his six months near the Belgian town of Ypres. It reveals he how he gradually won over the troops he commanded -- the tough but traumatized 6th Battalion, Royal Scots Fusiliers. And it tells the largely unknown story of how amid mud and squalor, one of the 20th century’s most memorable characters became one of its greatest leaders.Peter Apps is global defense correspondent for Reuters news. In 2006, he broke his neck in a minibus accident while covering the civil war in Sri Lanka, leaving him largely paralyzed from the shoulders down. Of the 20 or so countries he has reported from, more than half have been since the injury. He is currently on sabbatical as executive director of the Project for Study of the 21st Century (PS21) www.projects21.com.Cover design by Kerry Ellis.

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Customer Reviews

I’m now reading the book. I’m getting a lot of information about how church hill really was . he liked war as told by the author. His actions were focused getting what he wanted to achieve political power. He stayed in the back round. Enjoying good food and drink champagne with Oster s . brought his own bathtub. More information to read.

For those of us who admire Churchill’s life and times this short book fills in an important episode in his biography. That he served in the front lines is well known, and the fact that he transported a bath tub to his billet is also well known and often sneered at. That he was, over all, loved and admired by his troops is not so well known, nor is his wanderings in no-man’s-land or his exposure to enemy fire. None of the latter was necessary but the man led from the front and did not worry much about his personal mortality. Apparently he was destined for his great future.

of Britain’s elites had done the same and spent even a whole month at the front I expect they would have prosecuted the war with less loss of life. I was disappointed that Churchill didn’t seem to try to innovate to reduce attrition deaths from shelling. He understood the war couldn’t be won quickly. So I think the rational thing to do would have been to find every way possible to cut the slow steady death rate and wait for the weapons needed for victory.I found it fascinating that he had so many elite visitors while at the front. I would like to have seen more in the book about what these visitors thought of the stalemate.

For a relatively short read this is a still a surprisingly thorough look at Churchill, his contemporaries, his formative years and his role in WWI. I found it insightful, entertaining and inspiring. You can see a lot of the Great Man in what transpired for Churchill in the Trenches. This is a fine, focused work, and well worth the read.

Interesting, quick read about an aspect of his life I wasn’t familiar with. I was surprised that he seemed a bit, well, inept, while still feeling like he had a date with destiny. It was also interesting to read what an important role his wife played in his career.

A very interesting book. I've ever been amazed by Mr. Churchill's personality, and this book provides usefull insights about the man: aims, worries, experience, and so on. Six months in the trences as Commanding Officer, facing such a professional end effective enemy, as the German Army was, is a forging and worrisome experience. Even though I didn't read any book written by Mr. Churchil's opponents, I guess that this book is quite objective and well written.

An illuminating detailing of a little known part of Churchill's time in the British army, this single was an interesting read!

We all knew Churchill resigned from the BNritish Goverment and went back into the army after his disastrous promotion of the Dardanelles campaign; here is an account of his time in the trenches, which gives more insight into Churchill the man and politician and also into what it was like in the Ypres Salient in 1915-1916, with many casualties daily even though no great battle involved his unit.

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