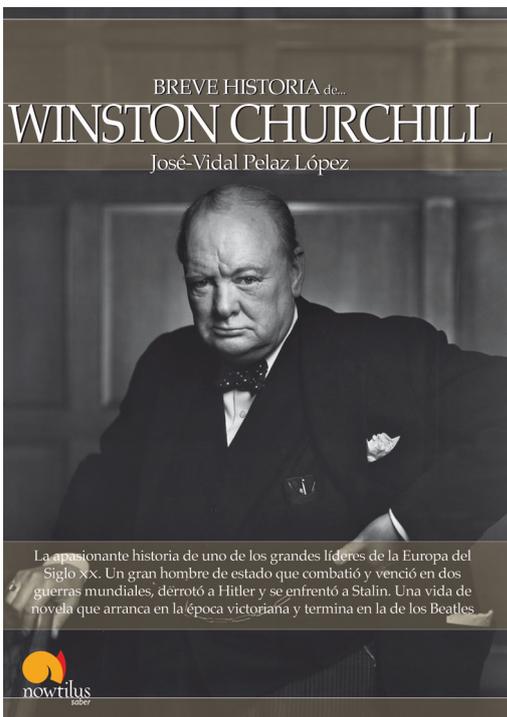


BRIEF HISTORY OF WINSTON CHURCHILL

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The exciting story of one of the great European leaders of the 20th century. A great statesman who fought and won two World Wars, defeated Hitler and faced up to Stalin. His life is like a novel and starts in the Victorian period and ends in the age of the Beatles

Synopsis

Winston Churchill is without doubt one of the most extraordinary men of contemporary history. This is the story of an acclaimed war correspondent, member of the House of Commons for sixty years, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature, twice Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, head of ministries: Chancellor of the Exchequer, Home Secretary, Navy Secretary, Weapons, Defense, Colonies Secretary. During his distinguished career he worked tirelessly and possessed a remarkable vision of the future.

Churchill will always occupy a place of honour in history because of his role in inspiring England not to succumb to Hitler in the summer of 1940, even when everything seemed lost for the cause of freedom in Europe.

His life embodies a whole era and his figure has become in the universal symbol of the victory of democracy over totalitarianism.

Author José-Vidal Pelaz skilfully combines the personal life of Churchill with his political and historical figure. Churchill was a man who symbolized the history of Great Britain and its empire from the Victorian era until its progressive settlement after World War II.

Biography

José-Vidal Pelaz López (Palencia, 1965) is a doctor of history and professor of contemporary history at the Faculty of Philosophy at University of Valladolid. He has focused his research on the history of contemporary social communication and the political history of the modern world. Among other books, is the author of *Chieftains, Apostles and journalists. Media, power and society in Palencia (1898-1939)*, (2000), *The State of the autonomies* (2001), *Watch movies. Film audiences in the twentieth century* (2002), *History of the world today* (2006), *Castilla and León in democracy* (2007) and several articles. Currently working on a research on the stage of Leopoldo Calvo-Sotelo's Government in the context of democratic transition



Sales pitch

A unique approach to a historical figure who has become a point of reference in international political history. The work covers unknown aspects of his life, such as the fact that he was a self-taught man who also succeeded in the world of literature.

The work also provides a perspective of the history of the British Empire from the peak of its power until the beginning of decolonization.

It tackles the international crises since the end of the 19th century until the Cold War.

It narrates the "duel" to the death between Churchill and Hitler, figures who represented two opposing ways to understand the future of the world

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