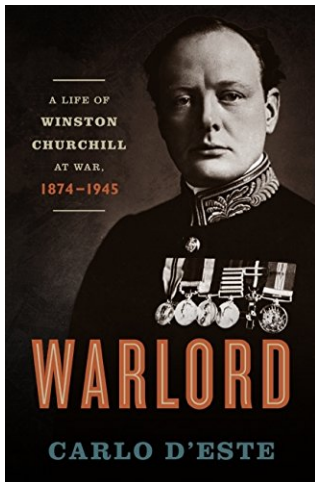


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From Publishers Weekly Starred Review. D'Este (*Patton: A Genius for War*) is a master analyst of 20th-century military leadership, and this book may be his finest yet. Showing a remarkable knowledge of archival and printed sources, he tells the complex story of a statesman and warrior. As a child, Winston Churchill was headstrong, highly opinionated, and virtually impossible to control. Those traits remained throughout a life he often regretted having spent in council chambers rather than on battlefields. His experiences as a young man in India, South Africa and the Sudan left him with both an abhorrence of war and a passion for soldiering. D'Este skillfully demonstrates how these traits shaped Churchill's persistent advocacy for preparedness and negotiation as means of averting war and his determination to see war through when deterrence failed. D'Este camouflages neither personal weaknesses nor questionable policies. But his expertise as a military historian provides contexts too often lacking in evaluating Churchill's roles in the 1915 Gallipoli campaign, 1940's Battle of Britain and the D-Day invasion in 1944. Elegantly written, this tour de force belongs in every library

addressing the 20th century. 16 pages of b&w photos, 9 maps. (Nov.)
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From *Starred Review* D'Este, a biographer of Patton and Eisenhower, has long detected an absence of objectivity about Churchill's military career. Here he astutely lauds Churchill's soldierly courage but questions how Churchill-the-politician acted as, in effect, an operational general. A list of battles he directly affected, from Antwerp in 1914 to Anzio in 1944, amounts to a record of military disaster, but D'Este weighs in the balance Churchill's attitudes toward waging war and the specific decisions he made in World War II that ultimately made him victorious. Churchill's abhorrence of inaction was evident in his youth, inducing him to seek out combat experiences he was fortunate to survive and eager to publicize. He also, D'Este argues, then formed a distrust of generals and admirals, a confidence in his own military intuition, and the flaw of dismissing military factors that bored him, such as logistics. Neither idolator nor revisionist, D'Este yields an ambivalent impression of Churchill that, while no denigration of his heroic leadership of Britain in 1940, underscores his paradoxes, such as a fascination with war's spectacle that vied with an unfeigned horror of its carnage. It is just such paradoxes that render him perennially intriguing to the reading public. --Gilbert Taylor

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Winston Churchill was appointed First Lord of the Admiralty on 3 September 1939, the day that the United Kingdom declared war on Nazi Germany. He succeeded Neville Chamberlain as prime minister on 10 May 1940 and held the post until 26 July 1945. Out of office during the 1930s, Churchill had taken the lead in calling for British rearmament to counter the growing threat of militarism in Nazi Germany. As prime minister, he oversaw British involvement in the Allied war effort against the Axis powers - - Winston Churchill's life spanned the last decades of the British Empire, and to read Carlo D'Este's enjoyable new biography is to recall the sequence of disasters that befell Britain between the final days of the Victorian era and its brush with extinction in World War II. - - Robert Kagan, The New York Times Book Review. - - An engaging narrative. . . . Well-researched, balanced, and highly readable. . . . Carlo D'Este provides us with a very human look at Churchill's lifelong fascination with soldiering, war, and command . . . with an eye for colorful quotation and telling anecdote. - - The ... - - An exceptionally well-written and fascinating book, - - Warlord: The Life of Winston Churchill at War, 1874-1945 - - gets my highest recommendation. Read more. 7 people found this helpful. Warlord explores Churchill's strategies behind the major military campaigns of World War I and World War II - - both his dazzling successes and disastrous failures - - while also revealing his tumultuous relationships with his generals and other commanders, including Dwight D. Eisenhower. As riveting as the man it portrays, Warlord is a masterful, unsparing portrait of one of history's most fascinating and influential leaders during what was arguably the most crucial event in human history. ...more. - - At 700 pages, (plus notes, etc.), Warlord is not a "Life" of Winston Churchill. The book ends in 1945 with the Allied victory over Nazi Germany and Churchill being voted out of office. In fact Warlord is not even an exhaustive biography of Churchill's life up to that time.