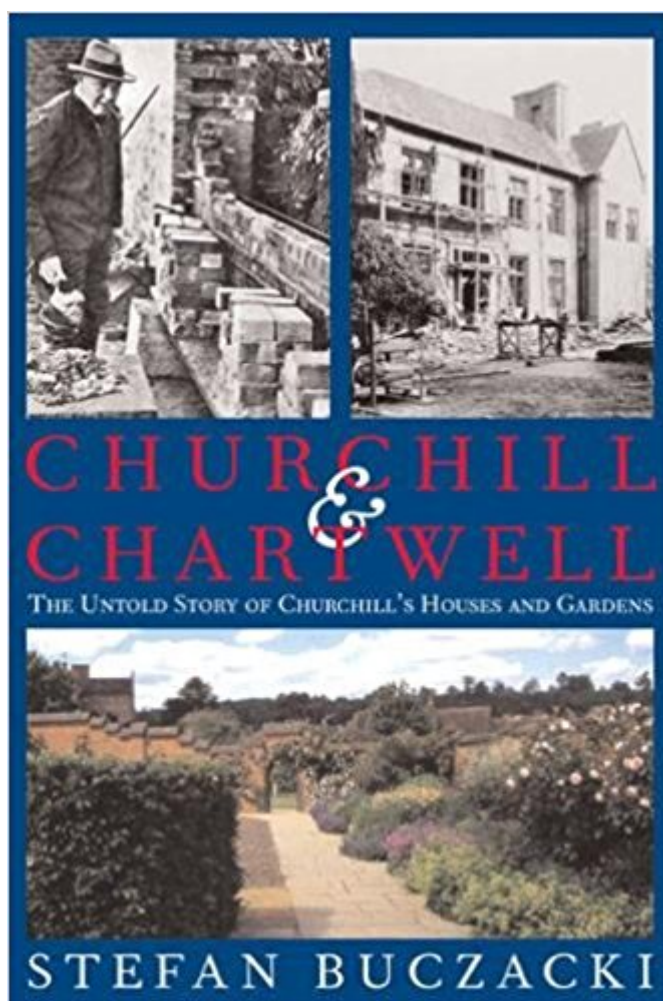


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# Churchill And Chartwell: The Untold Story Of Churchill's Houses And Gardens



## Synopsis

This book is a biography of Winston Churchill through the houses he lived in and the gardens he made. It culminates with the full story of his purchase, alteration and creation of Chartwell, Kent, where he lived for more than 40 years before and after the war, and which is now, in keeping with his intentions, owned and run by the National Trust. Churchill was born amidst the splendour of Blenheim Palace but, ever a restless spirit, he owned or rented many houses, both grand and relatively modest, over the course of his long life, including country retreats, modern town apartments and, as First Lord of the Admiralty, Admiralty House. But it was his house at Chartwell that would be for ever associated with his name. Based on extensive and scholarly archive study, this unique book brings to light an array of previously unpublished details and reveals a fascinating side to Britain's greatest war leader.

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A phenomenal amount of research (mainly of original sources) has been cloaked in a racy, highly readable style and Buczacki gets marks for a copious amount of good quality illustration.

Stefan Buczacki is one of Britain's most popular and most highly respected gardening experts and has presented many television programmes. For more information about Stefan Buczacki [click here](#)

Mr. Buczacki provides a nice, well-written history of the various houses and gardens directly

associated with the long life of Winston Churchill. In doing so, the author also reveals important elements of the non-political side of this most remarkable man. Many general histories of Churchill speak in passing of the domestic trials imposed after the purchase of the family's most important home, Chartwell. Reading this book gives one a keen understanding of what Mrs. Churchill endured as Chartwell and its grounds were slowly, slowly brought into good shape. If you have a friend who is interested in English landscaping and gardens, this is a book to consider. If that friend also is an admirer of Sir Winston, then it is a must purchase.

I am a huge fan of Winston Churchill (I'm even tackling Martin Gilbert's eight volume biography at the moment!). Since WSC loved Chartwell so much, and spent so much of his time there, I come to this subject with some interest. My wife visited Chartwell a couple of years ago -- what a treat. That experience only heightened my interest and great appreciation for the house and its history. Leaving no stone unturned, this book provides a complete (if sometimes a bit dry) history of the house. It also has some great photos of the house at various points in history. If you want to know nearly everything about this ancient, though modern, house and home to WSC then this is the book for you.

What better way to learn about someone than through their homes. There are so many facets of Churchill that we will not ever comprehend, but this provides a nice peek into something different.

I am very happy with this book and it is a great addition to my library

great book for a friend

a great book one of the must have for any Churchill library . great anecdotes good pictures  
.recommended by the Churchill Society

I have read a lot about Churchill and so thought this would be another perspective. It is very detailed. He and the family lived many different places, stayed with all sorts of titled people, bought and sold houses frequently. It is all there in detail, but I asked myself why I would be interested in what he paid 80 years ago for a contiguous field where his cows could graze. It is for someone with very specialized interests. The book was illuminating on one issue, the fact that Chartwell had 22 guest rooms. Obviously his over-lifesize personality extended to the numbers of people he wanted to have

as guests at one time.

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