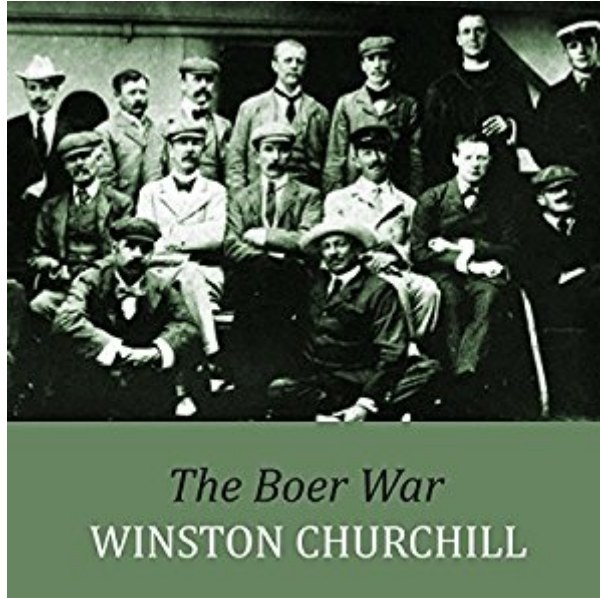




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Synopsis

As a young, ambitious soldier, Winston Churchill managed to get himself posted to the 21st Lancers in 1899 as a war correspondent for the Morning Post - and joined them in fighting the rebel Boer settlers in South Africa. In this conflict, rebel forces in the Transvaal and Orange Free State had proclaimed their own statehood, calling it the Boer Republic. Perhaps the most riveting personal account is found in London to Ladysmith via Pretoria, where Churchill is captured in Pretoria not long after he arrives to join the British forces - and is frustrated not by the conditions in the prison but by the fact that he was missing the action. Churchill tells the story of how he escaped and made a daring overland crossing, travelling only at night to avoid detection. Over a 64-year span, Churchill published over 40 books, many multivolume definitive accounts of historical events to which he was a witness and participant. All are beautifully written and as accessible and relevant today as when first published. During his 50-year political career, Churchill served twice as Prime Minister in addition to other prominent positions - including President of the Board of Trade, First Lord of the Admiralty, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Home Secretary. In the 1930s, Churchill was one of the first to recognise the danger of the rising Nazi power in Germany and to campaign for rearmament in Britain. His leadership and inspired broadcasts and speeches during World War II helped strengthen British resistance to Adolf Hitler - and played an important part in the Allies' eventual triumph. One of the most inspiring wartime leaders of modern history, Churchill was also an orator, a historian, a journalist, and an artist. All of these aspects of Churchill are fully represented in this collection of his works.

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Here you find the actual letters of Winston as a reporter covering the Boer War. You can appreciate the dedication of the Boer war and at the same time the suicidal efforts the British make in victory which has to demoralize any enemy of the Empire. Winston makes an unbelievable escape from Boer imprisonment and reading this in his own words is fascinating. It does show how he was willing to risk his life to be the great leader he would become during WW2. You should also read Churchill, Winston. The Story of the Malakand Field Force An Episode of Frontier War (Kindle Location 2536). . Kindle Edition. As well as Candice Millard's Hero of the Empire on Churchill's Boer War.

This is a highly detailed account by Winston Churchill of his participation in the last year of the Boer War from the end of 1899 to mid 1900. His magnificent writing style overcomes the minimal discussion of the political and economic factors of the war. Ideal book for those who enjoy reading about the tactics of individual battles and who enjoy learning about the emotions of Churchill during the period. Excellent book for researchers and for those who enjoy the perfect turn-of-phrase.

Winston Churchill, in my estimation, is one of premier masters of the English language. Yes, his reporting is biased but he takes great pains to let his reading audience know this. Many times in the account of his participation in the Boer War he gives credence to the activities and courage of his adversaries. An enlightening and rewarding read.

Excellent account from the British aspect of the Boer War. I loved the clear detail on tactics and descriptions of the ground and region. The book clarified the history in several way and especially highlighted the Martial Spirit that allowed the Crown to achieve so much. We could use the type of real unit spirit described here these days.

A great read, getting Churchill's dispatches from South Africa during the Boer War was super. The writing was obviously stilted as done 120 years ago, but getting his view on the conflict and seeing how he was in the action, but still seemingly living the life of the English upper class was very interesting. I found it a good read and would have liked more, but it consisted of the two packets of dispatches he'd made during the few months he was in South Africa and is limited to that, now a full coverage of the conflict. I found it fascinating.

A nice day to day history of the war, but book is not for everyone. Have to enjoy history and war

exploits. He has an entertaining writing style and seems to truly love war strategy (as evidenced by WW2 much later in his life). Overall a good read on the history of South Africa.

This is a fascinating book by the young Winston. He was fearless, if not reckless. On the other hand, his experiences in South Africa helped to shape his world view. This is a must read for those who want to understand the foundation of the South African embrace of apartheid.

Easy, interesting reading. Churchill's writing style is entertaining as well as informative. On scene evaluations and analysis written as it happened. Hindsight historians may provide a broader, more comprehensive analysis but this book has a place on any military book collector's shelf. S.R.

Berkheiser, BGEN. USMC (Ret.)

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