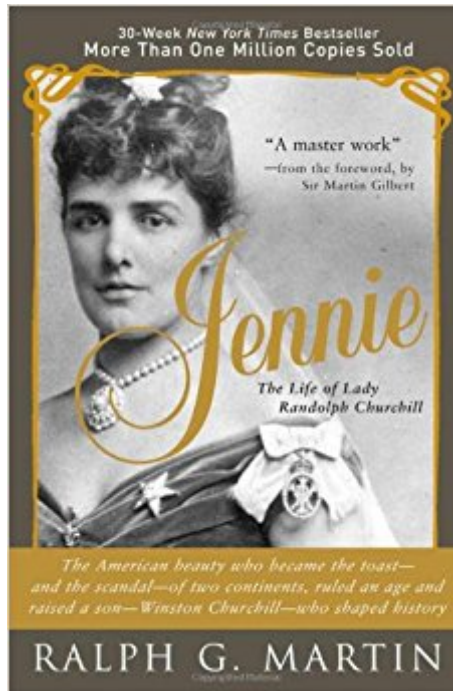




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Jennie: The Life Of Lady Randolph Churchill



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"A master work...Jennie was released to a public that became entranced by her story, and will again be now that she is back in print in this magnificent single volume."-from the foreword by Sir Martin Gilbert, the official biographer of Winston Churchill
Sourcebooks is bringing the internationally acclaimed New York Times bestseller back for a new generation of readers. Jennie Churchill was not merely Winston's mother. She was the most captivating and desired woman of her age. Originally from Brooklyn, Jennie became the reigning queen of British society. Beautiful and defiant, she lived with an honesty that made her the talk of two continents. Sir Martin Gilbert, official biographer of Winston Churchill, writes that Jennie is, "a master work" that "pulses with energy as the author leads us from her cradle to relatively early grave, at the age of sixty-seven, of a woman who finally emerges-under his guiding hand-from the shadow of being a great man's mother, to being a woman in her own right."

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Customer Reviews

Having spent 30 weeks on the New York Times bestseller list, Ralph Martin's *Jennie: The Life of Lady Randolph Churchill* is the story of a girl from Brooklyn who became the toast of British society. Jennie, the most fascinating and desirable woman of her age, was once the wife of Lord Randolph Churchill, and raised a son-Winston Churchill-who saved England from the Nazi onslaught with the only weapons he possessed-his magnificent oratory and his courage. Her paramours included King Edward VII of England and King Milan of Serbia. She later married two men, each 20 years her

junior. A beautiful rebel, she lived and loved with an honesty that made her the toast-and scandal-of two continents. ?Physically beautiful, volatile, brainy, outgoing, with enormous vitality . . . Jennie well into her middle age hypnotized men younger than her sons. Down the ages men and women of wealth and secure social station have always flouted society and Jennie was one of their number.?-New York Times ?Not only Jennie, but the world in which she lived, dance before the reader in magnificent display. . . . Written with such candor that one is spellbound . . . The best and most readable account possible of this fascinating woman?-Book World ?The most vivid, the most detailed of biographies . . . a rich background of the late Victorian and Edwardian eras that saw Britain at the high noon of empire . . . a heroine of charm, brilliance and beauty.?-New York Post ?Always absorbing . . . bright snatches of political gossip, social history and boudoir skullduggery.?-Newsweek

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I knew I'd learn about the mother of Winston Churchill, but I didn't realize I'd receive a complete picture of British history, customs, and society during Jennie's long life. It was a fascinating history course.

Mention to 100 people " if you know who Winston Churchill raise your hand " 100 hands rise. Ask "who is Jennie Churchill" and very few if any hands rise. Jennie Churchill was a most influential woman, long before her time. Winston and Jack Churchill's mother was smart, resourceful, independent and uninhibited to where she became one of the most influential people in Europe and the U.S. in the mid 19th century. She was visionary, strategic and raised two sons, one of whom contributed more to the defeat of Hitler and his Nazis party than anyone else. Jennie is a thoroughly interesting read about a woman who grew into her prestige, wasn't enamored with it and influenced countries, royalty and politicians to do the right things during her lifetime. The previous Jennie Jerome, before her marriage to Lord Randolph Churchill, was the daughter of a very wealthy, successful businessman from the US. Jerome Avenue in the Bronx borough of New York was named for her father. If you have any interest in understanding some of the 19th century history, why things were the way they were, how Winston Churchill emerged as a power in Britain and the

world and how the Victorian era ended this is an easy, engaging enjoyable read.

A surprisingly good biography of an extraordinary woman. Perhaps the author exaggerates (though I have no reason to think so), but it appears Jennie has the triple distinction of (a) being a major "cultural ambassador" of American values (especially concerning the scope of feminine life, which was much broader in the US than the UK at the time), (b) being Winston Churchill's mother, who not only gave him the only parental he received growing up, but who also gave him an understanding of America that, one must believe, was essential to the USA-UK alliance in WW II; and (c) an important political, social and diplomatic figure in the 1885 to 1915 period. As well as being an intelligent and nice person -- and one who was self-confident enough to enjoy a varied sex life. Before buying I didn't know what level of "popular" biography this would be, but it turned out to be just right -- accurate, interesting and reasonably well-written.

The first time I read this book I was stunned to find that Winston Churchill was an American on his mother's side and to find out what a great influence she had on his life. Mr. Martin takes the facts and creates a lovely story about the late Victorian and Edwardian eras in England that helped to shape so much of the 20th century European mind set. If you like history and want to know more about these eras from the woman's point of view, you can't go wrong with this book. I highly recommend it.

If you are a history buff, this is a must read book. Lots of good information about the parents of Great Britain's finest Prime Minister. Lots of spicy stuff about his mother who had lots of favors owed to her by lots of men in high places. Why? Well you must read the book to find out.

It's interesting at the beginning but after a while it is so full of everyday details about socialites that it becomes boring. Maybe if you are interested in the social life of Jenny's days, it would be kind of a historical, sociological reading.

Written with great detail and insight, this historical biography on Jennie Churchill set a high water mark in the world of historical biography. Set against the backdrop of Victorian England, American industrial money and the political climate of London, Ralph G. Martin's JENNIE etches a remarkable portrait in force of will, ambition and sexual prowess.

A fascinating story of a fearless, talented, brilliant American beauty, who made her effective way

through the highest levels of 19th century British society and politics. Although he consumed much of her time and energy and demanded her influence on his behalf, that she was also Winston Churchill's mother is almost beside the point, for she and her milieu would have been worth a book no matter whose career she promoted.

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