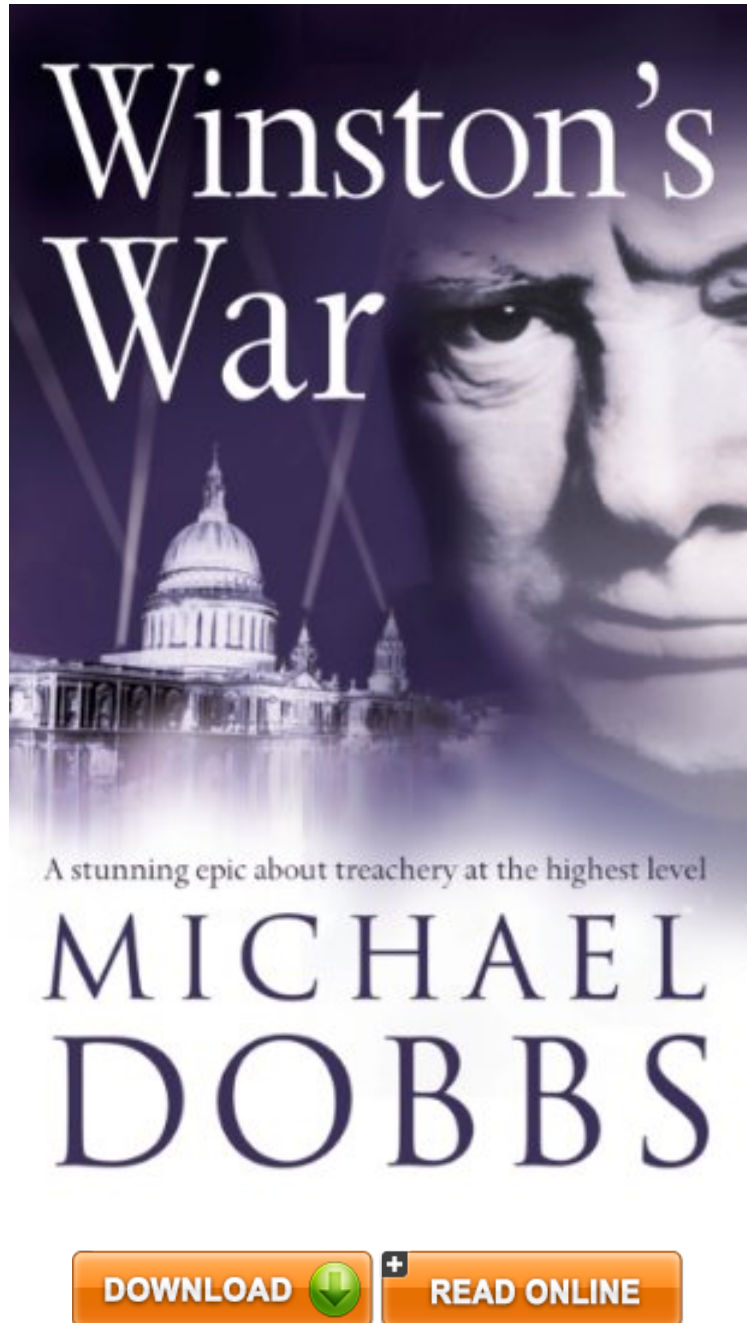


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Von Michael Dobbs

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**Von Michael Dobbs : Winstons War** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Winstons War:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Outstanding but slightly libellous story of Churchill's riseVon Mark O'NeillAs the author Michael Dobbs says in the

epilogue of the book, this book is not a factual history but simply a novel which takes some minor historical liberties. So anyone looking for a definitive accurate history of the period 1938-1940 shouldn't read this book. But if you're looking for a well-researched fiction novel, which almost accurately captures the mood of the time, then "Winston's War" is for you. However, I do have one major complaint - Dobbs takes an accepted piece of historical fact and then makes a bizarre judgment which I think borders on criminal libel. It is well-known that Churchill made the acquaintance of Guy Burgess (who later became a KGB agent and severely betrayed Britain, defecting to Moscow). Dobbs uses this meeting to suggest that things went a lot further - that Churchill accepted money from Burgess which, unknown to Churchill, came from Moscow, thereby making Churchill an unwitting agent of the Kremlin. Plus Dobbs suggests information from Churchill's office at the Admiralty was passed, again unknowingly to Churchill, to the Germans and the Russians, which led to the deaths of thousands of British soldiers in Norway in 1940. So the book makes Churchill look at times as an unwitting and naive dupe. Then Dobbs suggests at the end that the reason Burgess was able to escape to Moscow in 1951 was because Churchill warned him that they were after him. This irritated me greatly and I'm surprised that Dobbs didn't get a call from lawyers representing the Churchill family. Aside from all that, the book does a good job of accurately portraying British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, his spin doctors and the British Government's policy of appeasement towards Hitler. Then we see Chamberlain's appeasement policy fall apart as we go from "Peace in our time" to Nazi troops invading Czechoslovakia then Poland then Holland, Belgium and France. Churchill demands action and Chamberlain and his thugs respond by smearing Churchill's reputation and removing his supporters from political office. At the end of the book, Chamberlain is removed, Churchill becomes Prime Minister, and Dobbs sets the stage for the next installment of the series, "Never Surrender". A good book, but we could have done without Dobbs' innuendos about Churchill and Burgess. OK, the book is a work of fiction but there is still a very fine line to tread and Dobbs I think overstepped the mark.

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