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# **A History Of The English-Speaking Peoples, Vol 2: The New World**



## Synopsis

In Volume 2 of Winston Churchill's epic four-volume account of British history, he details the turbulent period of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries—taking us from the dramatic clashes of the powerful Tudor and Stuart families through the growth of monarchic power, the Protestant Reformation, England's Civil War, and the discovery of the Americas. Churchill's prose is eminently readable—making historical characters and events come to life with compelling insight and analysis. As a pre-eminent wartime leader himself, Churchill possessed a unique understanding of the pressures of leadership—and the minds of those who were faced with the burden of shaping history.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR** Sir Winston Churchill was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1953 “for his mastery of historical and biographical description as well as for brilliant oratory in defending exalted human values.” Over a 64-year span, Churchill published over 40 books, many multi-volume 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 fifty-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 recognize 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.

**ABOUT THE SERIES** Over two decades in the making, *A History of the English-Speaking Peoples* provides an in-depth look at how history was affected by Britain, America, and English-speaking nations throughout the world—from the time of Julius Caesar's invasion to the Boer War of 1902. Midway through the writing of this work, Churchill was called back to government service—ultimately taking the role of Prime Minister during World War II. Once he finally published the work, in the 1950s, it became a best-seller—receiving excellent reviews not only from the public, but also from professional scholars and academics. It is a work of narrative history that has stood—and will continue to stand—the test of time.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Students in current institutions in the US are not taught the essential foundation of history that produced the thought, laws, rights and principles of the government for which mankind has struggled and died for over the centuries. Without this fundamental knowledge the values held so dear become ordinary and easily eroded. This erosion eventually steals the Rights we now take for granted and give away one grain at a time. We our Children and their children will eventually find they must again fight to regain the same rights acquired over centuries for their ancestors failed to study our history. This should be required reading for all institutions, freedom did not begin in the Colonies, the Colonies were the culmination of centuries of struggles to achieve an imperfect Union and a new foundation. Well done by Winston Churchill.

Volume 2 of *A History of the English-Speaking Peoples* provides a good overview of sixteenth and seventeenth centuries in England, a time of significant conflict and upheaval among the British. Churchill provides an overview of England from the last days of Henry VII through the reign of Henry VIII (and his wives), the short reigns of Edward and "Bloody Mary," the Elizabethan age, the accession to the throne of James I (James VI of Scotland), at which time the monarchies of England and Scotland were united, Charles I and the English civil war, the

beheading of Charles and the beginning of the interregnum, and, finally, the restoration under Charles II and the reign of James II. Churchill is a great storyteller. He keeps footnotes to a minimum, and he does not get bogged down in minutiae. What he writes, while factual throughout, reads like a well-written novel. This is an excellent work for anyone who wants an introduction to this crucial period of English history.

This is a vital story to understand the foundation of the ideals which formed America from the struggles of the English and their internal wars. Churchill traces the formation of government, law, religion, and human rights in England from the reformation to the exile of James the second. The controversy led directly to the revolutions documented in the next volume of this great work. We find the very concepts formed that were written down in our Declaration of Independence and Constitution. Furthermore, there is clear evidence of the formation of the movements that led to our political parties and the strife that continues today. Truly this work deserves the honors of its day and the lasting gratitude of all who will ever read it.

Covering the period from the Tudors , through the Civil Wars, the Cromwell era, the restoration, up to the Glorious Revolution Churchill's second volume is an excellent summary of the volatile and exciting 14th through 17th centuries of English history. In just over 300 pages he does a remarkable job of illuminating the major personalities and the political, social and religious movements that set the timeframe covered here in a unique perspective as one of almost unbelievable changes in the development of England and the lands that were either influenced by or came into conflict with England as Europe began to spread culture and political power globally through the age of exploration and colonization. The number of characters that cross this stage and play important if not vital roles is staggering and if Sir Churchill's account has one drawback is that many enter and exit rather quickly in such a condensed version of complex events. However for a general reader there is much here to stimulate further reading if one chooses and for a narrative that captures the flow of events in brilliant language how can one ask for a better guide. I have now read volume 1 and 2 - enjoyed them both immensely and will continue with the other 2 volumes.

As Always, Winston is right on target. If you want to understand anything about history, all the complicated connections that can explain why things happened the way they did, nobody can give you a clearer picture, with the inside details all along. We are so lucky to have had an insider with a father, grandfather and great grandfather all involved in British Politics, all great leaders at one time

or another and, the cherry on the cake, one who is such a fantastic writer! All the things you didn't understand at school will be clarified. Don't miss Winston Churchill's stunning series: A History of the English-Speaking Peoples.

What an informative book. Never realized that the English speaking people were such a small enclave in earlier milineum. Always thought I had a fairly good grasp on world history and while reading this, I realized how little I knew about my own Anglo roots. Have read a couple of Churchill's books and they are easy to read, even for me here in Texas.

I enjoy everything I've read written by WSC so far and this noes not disappoint.

Winston Churchill is a master in the use of the English language. English dominates the world because we have more words to express more thoughts and shades of meaning. If we need a word, we just borrow it from another language and give it an English spelling. Everyone should read The History of the English Speaking People. I have read Volumes I and II,

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