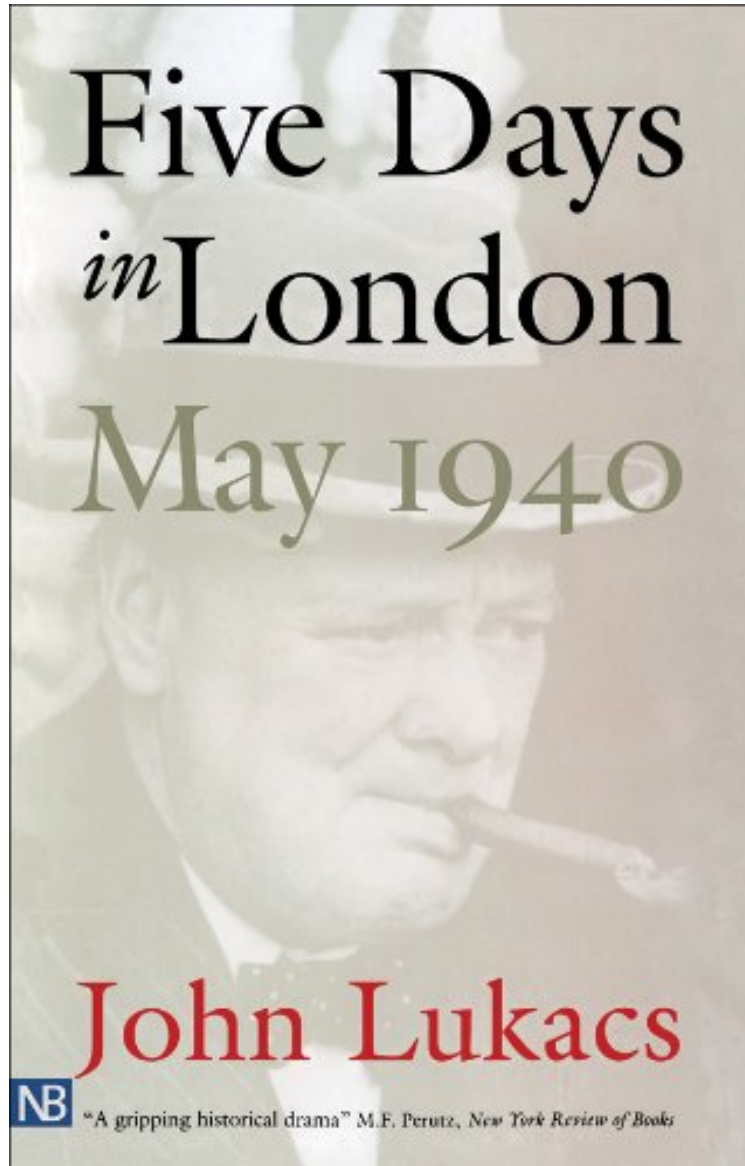


(Pdf free) Five Days in London, May 1940

Five Days in London, May 1940

Von John Lukacs

**Download PDF / ePub / DOC / audiobook / ebooks*



 Download

 Read Online

Produktinformation -Verkaufsrank: #879741 in eBooksVerffentlicht am: 1999-09-10Erscheinungsdatum: 1999-09-10File Name: B007SWMZV0 | File size: 56.Mb

Von John Lukacs : Five Days in London, May 1940 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Five Days in London, May 1940:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good, but not GreatVon Laurence LazarusI bought this book on the strength of a glowing review from my local newspaper. Then, after I read it, I was somewhat disappointed. Perhaps my expectations were a little too high.It was a fair

synopsis of five crucial days in which it is demonstrated that Churchill at the very least did not lose the Second World War. From that perspective, the conclusion could be drawn that this one person did make a difference and significant one at that. The politics, the debates, the arguments and the early use of polling data are interesting and do add quite a bit of meat to this book. However, Winston Churchill is a fascinating study as exemplified in the numerous books that have been written about him. No doubt this is a book about Churchill and how he handled arguably the most crucial time in our recent history. For that we can all be thankful. There are, nevertheless, a lot of better "Churchill" books on the market. Overall, it is a well written book, with an easy flowing narrative. Infact the layout and continuity has the feel of an Arthur Hailey novel. However, at times I found the footnotes tended to be both intrusive and tiresome. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. History as it should always be done Von Borges It was no surprise to all those that follows Lukacs work that this book is excellent. He tries to show that during five days in May, 1940, Britain was at the brink of surrender and the war would definitely lost. Lukacs writes so well that you're able to read this book as you read a good fiction novel. I strongly recommend it - as serious study or just history fun. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A wonderful presentation of history Von Philip Albinus After trudging through Martin Gilbert's Churchill, which is a lackluster cut and paste job of his multi-volume bio series, I learned more about Churchill, parliament, and England during the most important period in its history thanks to this little book. While Gilbert always keeps the "camera" close to Churchill, we never learn what others thought of the great leader. Now, in Lukacs's fine book, not only do we learn about Joe Kennedy's poor opinion of Churchill, we also learn that Elinor Roosevelt had a less than stellar opinion of Winston. The book not only captures the urgency of these important days, we also learn that opinion polls have roots going back to the 40s. Read this slim -- 220 page -- book and learn more about the early days of the war than a lumbering, 800 page bio of the man who convinced England that Hitler was a threat, Stalin was an evil ally, and England would prevail. Time magazine was wrong -- Winston Churchill was the Person of the Century, not Albert Einstein.

Kurzbeschreibung The days from May 24 to May 28, 1940 altered the course of the history of this century, as the members of the British War Cabinet debated whether to negotiate with Hitler or to continue the war. The decisive importance of these five days is the focus of John Lukacs's magisterial new book. Lukacs takes us hour by hour into the critical unfolding of events at 10 Downing Street, where Churchill and the members of his cabinet were painfully considering their war responsibilities. We see how the military disasters taking place on the Continent -- particularly the plight of the nearly 400,000 British soldiers bottled up in Dunkirk -- affected Churchill's fragile political situation, for he had been prime minister only a fortnight and was regarded as impetuous and hotheaded even by many of his own party. Lukacs also investigates the mood of the British people, drawing on newspaper and Mass-Observation reports that show how the citizenry, though only partly informed about the dangers that faced them, nevertheless began to support Churchill's determination to stand fast. de In his six-volume history of World War II, Winston Churchill deemed the year 1942 as "the hinge of fate," the year in which the German and Japanese armies began to be turned back. John Lukacs suggests that the last days of May 1940 were more important still in turning the tide of war in democracy's favor, for it was in those few days that Churchill convinced his cabinet that Britain should fight on, alone, if need be, against Adolf Hitler's regime. Even as a quarter of a million British troops were being evacuated from Dunkirk, Churchill struggled to reverse the British government's policy of appeasement. In this, he faced opposition from several quarters, including prominent figures within his own Conservative Party. Writing with evident admiration for Churchill--who, he points out, was not well liked, and who had been prime minister for only two weeks when war broke out--Lukacs gives his readers a fly-on-the-wall view of the heated conferences between such well-known participants as Harold Nicholson, Lord Halifax, Neville Chamberlain, and Alexander Cadogan. "Churchill understood something that not many people understand even now," Lukacs writes in the closing pages of his book. "The greatest threat to Western civilization was not Communism. It was National Socialism. The greatest and most dynamic power in the world was not Soviet Russia. It was the Third Reich of Germany. The greatest revolutionary of the twentieth century was not Lenin or Stalin. It was Hitler." By convincing his government that his view was correct, Churchill afforded Western civilization a slim chance at survival--no small achievement, and one well worth honoring with this fine study. --Gregory McNamee Pressestimmen "Customers are raving about Five Days in London." -- .com "John Lukacs's account of five dramatic days in May 1940, when Winston Churchill and his Cabinet had to decide whether to negotiate or stand alone against Hitler, is a relatively compact book, but it has the power and sweep of Shakespeare's chronicle plays. . . . One of Lukacs's impressive strengths is a gripping narrative drive. He is lucid and splendidly readable, and furthermore, commands a host of dramatic characters." --Robert Taylor, Boston Globe "This is a readable and rigorous little volume that is put down with difficulty in the middle and with regret at the end." --Conrad Black, Daily Telegraph "This is as dramatic a moment in history as you are likely to get." --Forbes Magazine "[A] word-of-mouth best seller (and Giuliani favorite) . . . [a] gripping story of how Churchill rallied the British at a crucial juncture." --Michael Glitz, New York Post "Historian John Lukacs, who has written widely on

World War II and on Hitler and Churchill, comprehensively traces the events of that long weekend, which culminated in Churchill's decision on May 28th to fight on, no matter what happened to France. He did not, in that weekend of courage and remarkable self-confidence, win the war, as Lukacs makes clear, but rather gave the first breath of the bellows to the desperate embers of hope for the Allies."--David Murray, New York Times Book "Lukacs's scholarship re-creates with great immediacy the chaotic few days during which, according to the author, Hitler came closest to winning the war. . . . Lukacs concentrates on the struggle with the British War Cabinet, which pitted the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, against the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax. . . . Churchill's stubborn refusal won out. The author's equally stubborn digging uncovered a stunning amount of defeatism and intrigue against Churchill by contemporary statesmen."--New Yorker "New York mayor Rudy Giuliani says he has been reading and is inspired by John Lukacs' Five Days in London, May 1940."--USA Today "Lukacs, who has written about World War II in several earlier books, reviews the British record at this moment through hypothetical Anglophobe eyes. . . . [A] fascinating work of historical reconstruction. . . . [Lukacs] gives us much to ponder in this intriguing--and perhaps still controversial--story."--Stanley Weintraub, Wall Street Journal "This gem of a book, the distillation of an important historian's life work, is a compelling antidote for those afflicted with historical amnesia."--Kai Bird, Washington Post "Eminent historian Lukacs delivers the crown jewel to his long and distinguished career with this account of five days--May 24-28, 1940--that could have changed the world.' Lukacs posits that it was during those five days in London 'that Western civilization, not to mention the Allied cause in WWII, was saved from Hitler's tyranny.' . . . This new work focuses on these five days with a microscopic view. It is the work of a man who lives and breathes history, whose knowledge is limitless and tuned to a pitch that rings true."--Publishers Weekly (starred review) "[Readers] are in for a treat that encompasses everything from grand strategy to British domestic politics, the behavior of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth to the gritty diary of George Orwell, and even the glorious weather of those five crucial days. . . . Five Days in London is political history of a very high standard."--Morris Williams, The Daily Yomiuri "Nobody has done more than John Lukacs to turn the short history book into an art form. His masterpiece, Five Days in London, 1940, was immediately recognized as a modern classic. The wonderful clarity of his thought led directly to the clarity of his prose. Lukacs, an American professor of Hungarian birth and the author of nearly 30 works, is undoubtedly one of the wisest thinkers on the period."--Antony Beevor, Toronto Globe Mail "A page-turner. . . . Painstaking, meticulous, and fascinating."--America "Lukacs has constructed a gripping narrative. . . . This is a must for every World War II buff."--Jules Wagman, Cleveland Plain Dealer "John Lukacs is one of the most original and profound of contemporary thinkers."--Paul Fussell "No historian of the Second World War has John Lukacs's range, acuteness, intuition. He has written great works. Now comes a masterpiece. In the Five Days in London we are present, moment by moment, May 24 to May 28, 1940 as the British War Cabinet ponders whether to seek terms from Hitler, or fight on. Alone. . . . 'Not only the end of a European war but the end of Western civilization was near.' In the end Churchill prevails--just."--Daniel Patrick Moynihan "I consider John Lukacs one of the outstanding historians of the generation and, indeed, of our time."--Jacques Barzun