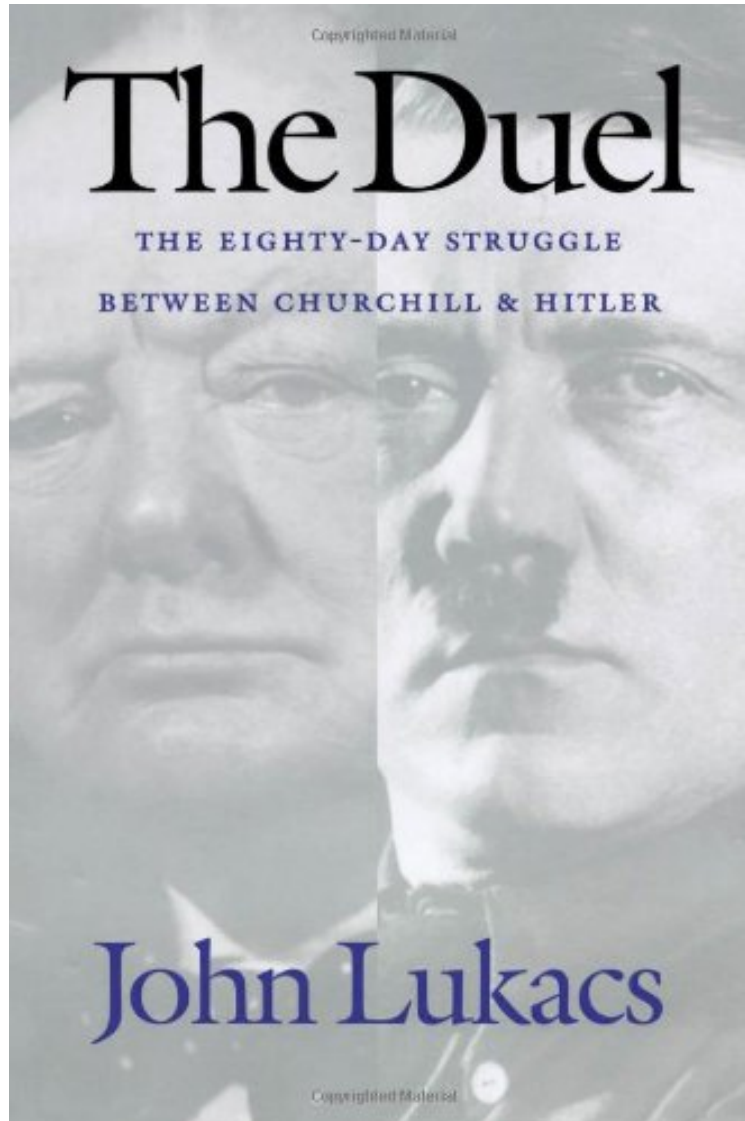


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were making stunning gains and seemed in the eyes of many observers to be unstoppable. Appeasement was followed by defeatism and feelings of helplessness. Churchill was trying to build support for keeping Britain in the war while Hitler was deciding whether to try to invade Britain. This is one of those points in history the course is decided by a small number of personalities. Lukacs focuses on these 2 key individuals and makes very effective use of the historical archives to give you depth on how the events played out. He builds on the work of many historical researchers as well as his own previous writings. This book gives you a sense of just how easily things could have gone a different way. IMO, Churchill's greatest contribution was to convince the Cabinet to not make a deal with Hitler. Before reading this book I thought he had much stronger support as soon as he became PM. But in the early weeks of his Prime Ministership he really was still involved in a battle of wills to prevent a deal with Hitler and demoralization of the British that would follow such a deal. Churchill comes across as animated by the temperament of an earlier age. Having recently read John Glubb's *The Fate Of Empires* essay I wonder whether by possessing a personality from an earlier stage of the British Empire's development his sentiments were naturally more opposed to kowtowing than were those of people who had more modern sentiments.

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From *Library Journal* Lukacs is a familiar name in World War II studies. These two volumes, released in 1990 and 1976, respectively, follow the key players on the other side of the Atlantic. The duelists in the first title are Churchill and Hitler, and this book covers the pivotal 80-day period in 1940 when the Germans were poised to crush British forces and invade the empire. The second volume offers a precise time line of events and describes both what happened and why. Lukacs concentrates not only on the historical but on the sociological aspects of the war. For all collections. Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. "A wonderful story wonderfully told." -- George F. Will About the Author