



The Eccentric Mr Churchill Little-Known Facts About the Greatest Briton

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As well as providing a new insight into the epochal historical events that Churchill was a part of, it documents some of the lesser known moments of his life, as well as intriguing facts about how he lived and worked, his friends and enemies, loves and hates. Did you know that:

- Churchill invented the 'belly band' around cigars?
- A duck-billed platypus – named Winston – was sent from Australia to join Churchill's menagerie at Chartwell?
- He escaped from a POW camp during the Second Boer War?
- He was a handy bricklayer in his spare time?

These and many more extraordinary facts are detailed in this book. It will provide even the Churchill aficionado with another perspective on the great man, who remains a figure of fascination for millions worldwide.

Sales Points

- A look at the less well-known elements of Churchill's life: his tastes, his recreational activities, friends, the foods he loved, pets he fussed over and much more
- Anecdotal and entertaining, the book gives a fresh perspective on Churchill's life
- From the publishers of *The Wicked Wit of Winston Churchill*, which has sold over 194,000 copies in the UK, with rights sold in 16 international territories
- The author is a historian and writer, whose other books include *D-Day in Numbers: The Facts Behind Operation Overlord* and *We Shall Fight on the Beaches: The Speeches That Inspired History*. He will be available for publicity

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