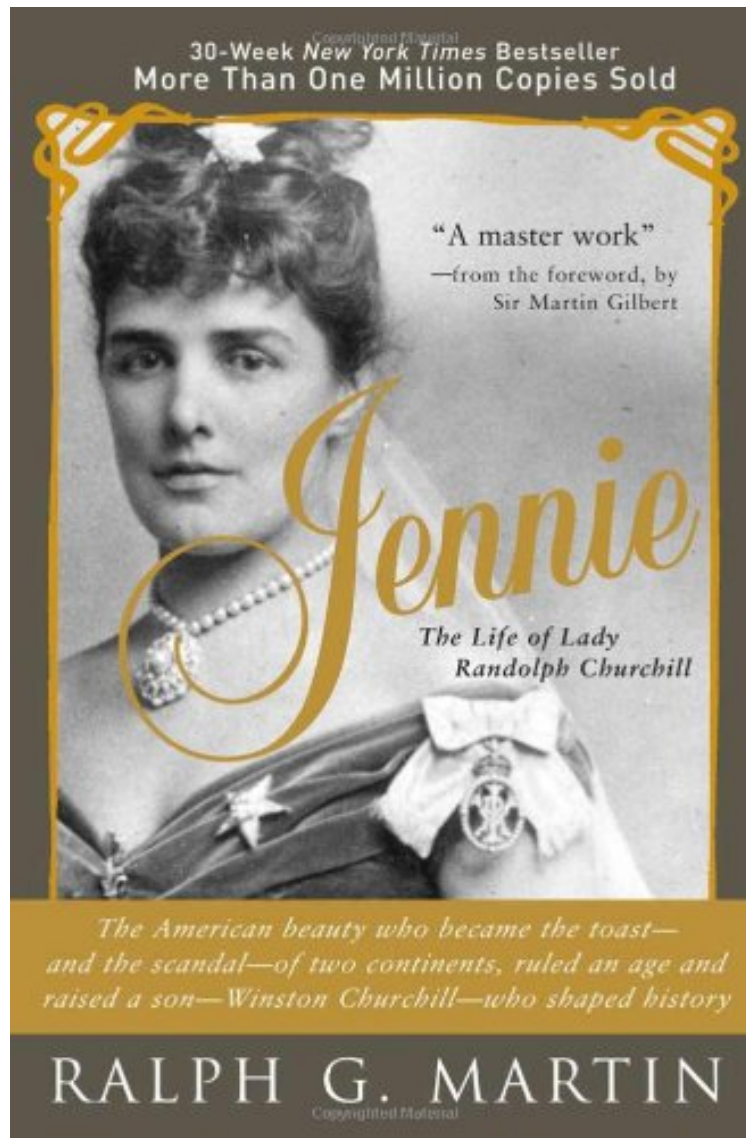


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Ralph Martin : Jennie: The Life of Lady Randolph Churchill before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Jennie: The Life of Lady Randolph Churchill:

16 of 16 people found the following review helpful. More than I expected.By Barbara GlobenskyI knew I'd learn about the mother of Winston Churchill, but I didn't realize I'd receive a complete picture of British history, customs, and society during Jennie's long life. It was a fascinating history course.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent treatment of the life of Winston Churchill's motherBy David TookeA surprisingly good biography of an

extraordinary woman. Perhaps the author exaggerates (though I have no reason to think so), but it appears Jennie has the triple distinction of (a) being a major "cultural ambassador" of American values (especially concerning the scope of feminine life, which was much broader in the US than the UK at the time), (b) being Winston Churchill's mother, who not only gave him the only parental he received growing up, but who also gave him an understanding of America that, one must believe, was essential to the USA-UK alliance in WW II; and (c) an important political, social and diplomatic in the 1885 to 1915 period. As well as being an intelligent and nice person -- and one who was self-confident enough to enjoy a varied sex life. Before buying I didn't know what level of "popular" biography this would be, but it turned out to be just right -- accurate, interesting and reasonably well-written. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A great look at a historic woman.

By Dachshund Mom
The first time I read this book I was stunned to find that Winston Churchill was an American on his mother's side and to find out what a great influence she had on his life. Mr. Martin takes the facts and creates a lovely story about the late Victorian and Edwardian eras in England that helped to shape so much of the 20th century Europe mind set. If you like history and want to know more about these eras from the woman's point of view, you can't go wrong with this book. I highly recommend it.

"A master work...Jennie was released to a public that became entranced by her story, and will again be now that she is back in print in this magnificent single volume."-from the foreword by Sir Martin Gilbert, the official biographer of Winston Churchill

Sourcebooks is bringing the internationally acclaimed New York Times bestseller back for a new generation of readers. Jennie Churchill was not merely Winston's mother. She was the most captivating and desired woman of her age. Originally from Brooklyn, Jennie became the reigning queen of British society. Beautiful and defiant, she lived with an honesty that made her the talk of two continents. Sir Martin Gilbert, official biographer of Winston Churchill, writes that Jennie is, "a master work" that "pulses with energy as the author leads us from her cradle to relatively early grave, at the age of sixty-seven, of a woman who finally emerges-under his guiding hand-from the shadow of being a great man's mother, to being a woman in her own right."

From the Back Cover
Having spent 30 weeks on the New York Times bestseller list, Ralph Martin's *Jennie: The Life of Lady Randolph Churchill* is the story of a girl from Brooklyn who became the toast of British society. Jennie, the most fascinating and desirable woman of her age, was once the wife of Lord Randolph Churchill, and raised a son-Winston Churchill-who saved England from the Nazi onslaught with the only weapons he possessed-his magnificent oratory and his courage. Her paramours included King Edward VII of England and King Milan of Serbia. She later married two men, each 20 years her junior. A beautiful rebel, she lived and loved with an honesty that made her the toast-and scandal-of two continents. Physically beautiful, volatile, brainy, outgoing, with enormous vitality . . . Jennie well into her middle age hypnotized men younger than her sons. Down the ages men and women of wealth and secure social station have always flouted society and Jennie was one of their number.

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Not only Jennie, but the world in which she lived, dance before the reader in magnificent display. . . . Written with such candor that one is spellbound . . . The best and most readable account possible of this fascinating woman.

-Book World
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-New York Post
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-Newsweek

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