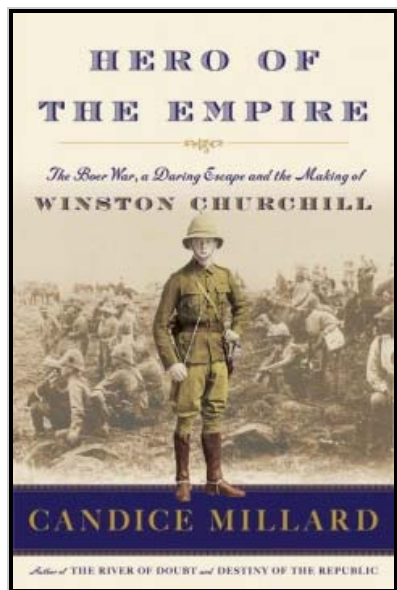


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At age twenty-four, Winston Churchill was utterly convinced it was his destiny to become prime minister of England one day, despite the fact he had just lost his first election campaign for Parliament. He believed that to achieve his goal he must do something spectacular on the battlefield. Despite deliberately putting himself in extreme danger as a British Army officer in colonial wars in India and Sudan, and as a journalist covering a Cuban uprising against the Spanish, glory and fame had eluded him.

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Historian Candice Millard scored a huge bestseller with her book "The River Of Doubt," which captured Teddy Roosevelt post-Presidency and in the twilight of his remarkable career. Now with "Hero Of The Empire," Millard captures Winston Churchill at the very start of his remarkable career. Having lost his first political campaign, Churchill yearned to prove himself in the crucible of battle...and any battle would do. He banged the drum for a war with the Boers and by god

Churchill got it. Millard ably shows this world-striding figure in all his eager, complicated glory. One does not think of Churchill as a man of action, but that's exactly his role here. More famous for who his father and forebears were, Churchill bulled his way into every situation: he became the highest paid correspondent covering the war, he distinguished himself in the field (even though journalists were not supposed to play a role in battle), his capture by the Boers made headlines around the world and just when Britain's fortunes were at their low tide, Churchill's foolhardy but successful escape ignited joy. Typically, he then enlisted and headed right back into the field of battle. No one would accuse him of being cowardly. Millard fleshes out this key early event in a way that makes her story useful and modestly illuminating, not just the embroidering of a tale told well by many others, ranging from the great biographer William Manchester to Churchill himself. I say "modestly" because after all, few people have been written about as much as Churchill. It's not easy to make the case that yet another book on him is needed, but this solid popular history succeeds with entertaining zest. -- Michael Giltz

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