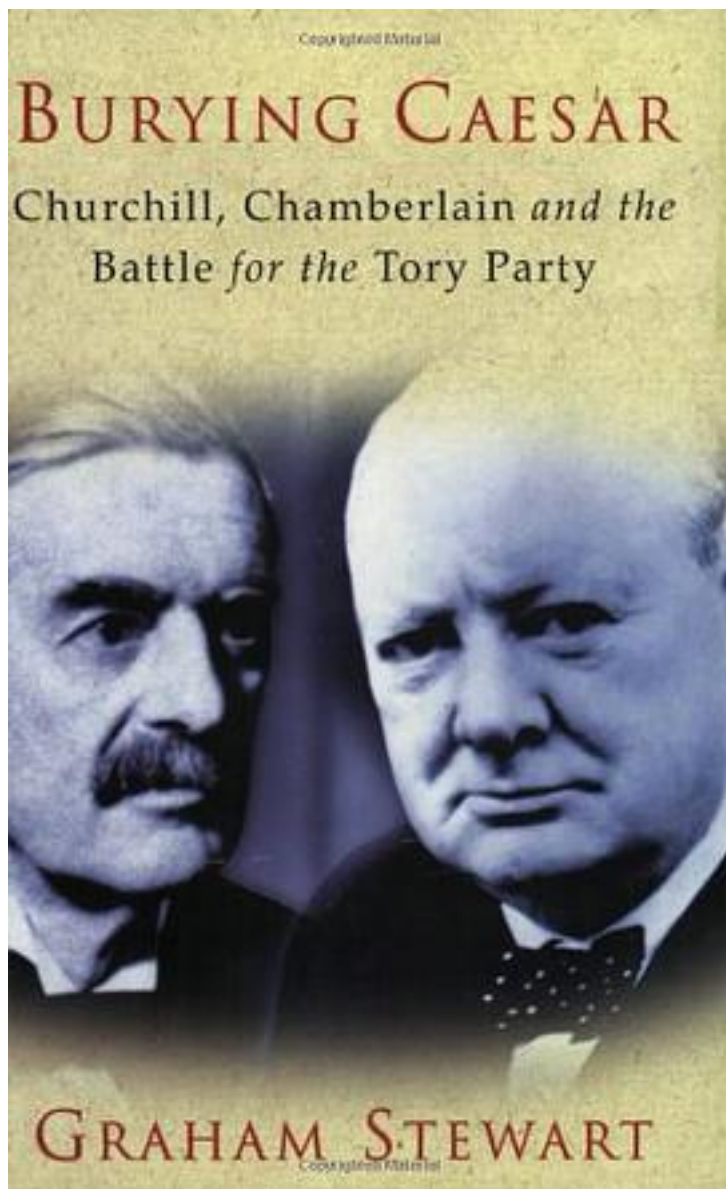


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Burying Caesar is an important and magisterial account of the epic struggle between two titans for the leadership of Britain on the eve of the Second World War. In the 1930s, Winston Churchill and Neville Chamberlain were the two giants of the English political stage, the sons of men who had decisively shaped the politics of the previous era. Burying Caesar charts the bitter course plotted by Churchill and Chamberlain in their ambition to win the greatest prize in British politics—a prize which had eluded both their fathers—a struggle carried out against the darkening storm of Nazi Germany. Heralded as one of the brightest young historians currently writing about modern European history, Graham Stewart's epic volume is the result of seven years of rigorous archival research and fresh analysis. The 1930s was one of the century's most complex and turbulent decades and Burying Caesar is a gripping account of the mechanisms and motivations that underpin politics in Britain, forces that are as powerful today—on both sides of the Atlantic—as they were more than sixty years ago. What were the political machinations that kept Neville Chamberlain in office during the 1930s and deliberately kept Winston Churchill out? Was Churchill the prophet of uncomfortable truths during his "wilderness years," or was Chamberlain right, given the circumstances, to pursue appeasement? These are just some of the questions Stewart answers in his original and engaging book. He examines the dynamics and deep-seated rivalries within the Tory party, pitting Chamberlain's partisans against Churchill's (the "glamour boys"). While Chamberlain appeased Hitler at Munich and urged isolation at home, it was Churchill who emerged from his wilderness with his distinctive voice of moral authority and bulldog conviction. And in the end, it was history proved Churchill right.

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