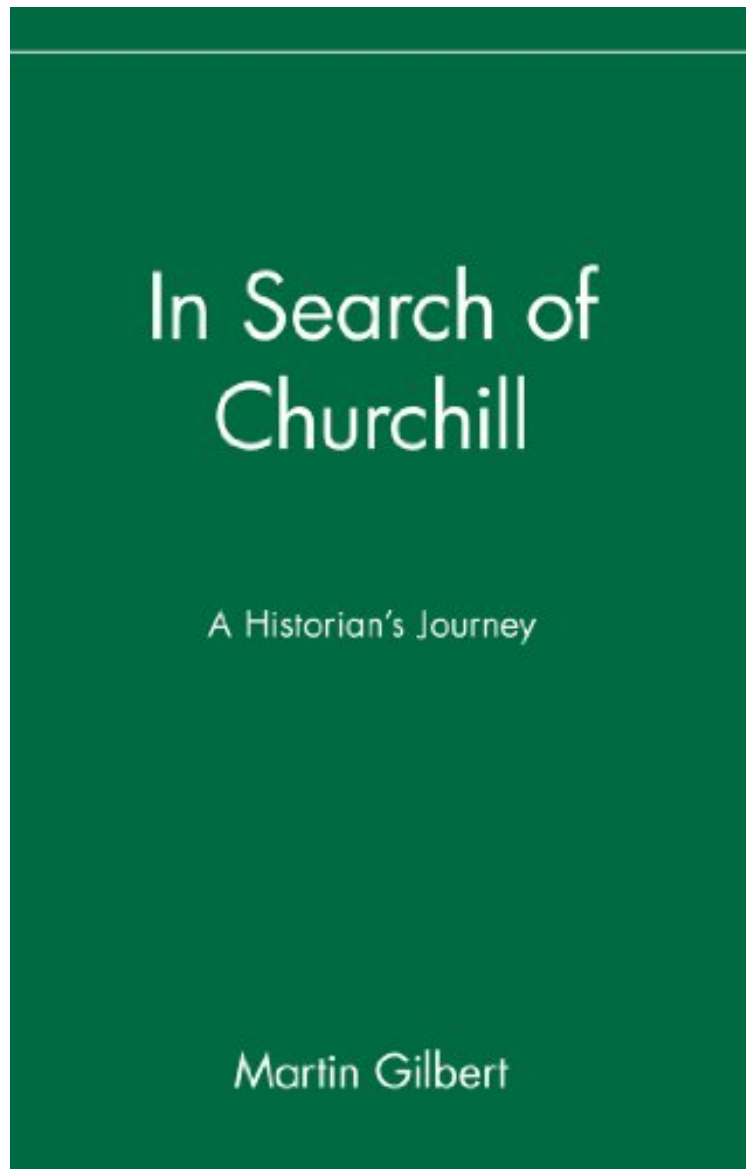


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has travelled all over the world in Churchill's footsteps: the Western Front, Gallipoli, Palestine, India and the sites of the World War II Allied summits. In the course of writing the book, he met all the surviving political leaders of Churchill's era and has many stories to tell about them. This personal account of Martin Gilbert's quest to capture the most famous Prime Minister of Great Britain is also in part a history of our times. The author combines these two in a narrative balanced in argument and anecdote.