

For those who don't consider themselves inclined to read a history book, you are duly warned that Erik Larson's newest book may just change your perception of yourself. If you are already a lover of history or a fan of Erik Larson, you will not be disappointed with ***The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz***, an immersive tale of leadership, family, and one of Great Britain's defining moments.

With the feel you expect of any *New York Times* thriller, *The Splendid and the Vile* showcases Larson as a master of pacing—an accomplishment all the more remarkable when he has loaded this book with many previously unknown facts about Winston Churchill and World War II.

Focusing on Churchill's first major trials as prime minister of Great Britain, *The Splendid and the Vile* illustrates his leadership in the face of a lack of popular sentiment from his constituents. Churchill took command as Nazi forces swept through Europe and The Blitz was ramping up, all while the United States maintained an isolationist policy. Talk about bad days!

Despite the dire circumstances, *The Splendid and the Vile* humanizes Churchill, replete with his own private doubts and quirks, and shows how he brought hope to a battered nation through the power of his leadership.

The Splendid and the Vile is available on OverDrive/Libby in both eBook and eAudiobook formats.