



INTRODUCTION: WHO'S GOING TO ARGUE WITH THE GREATEST ENGLISHMAN?

- *The Guilty Men; The Gathering Storm*

PART ONE: THE FIRST WORLD WAR REMEMBERED

Memories of the last war haunted Britain, and British politics

- *All Quiet on the Western Front; Journey's End; Goodbye to all That; Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man*
- The Oxford Union: 'This house will under no circumstances fight for its king and country'
- The East Fulham by-election
- Peace Pledge Union
- Stanley Baldwin: Appalling Frankness speech
- The Great Depression and the not so great recovery

PART TWO: WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE KIDDING MR HITLER?

Why was Hitler's Germany so hard to read?

- Mein Kampf
- Hermann Goering
- The treaty of Versailles
- The Hossbach memorandum
- Czechoslovakia; Edvard Benes
- The Germanophiles: Unity Mitford, Lady Londonderry, Edward VIII
- The be nice to the Germans. and see where it gets us: Lloyd George, Lord Halifax, Chamberlain

- The diplomatic web: the Anglo-German Naval Agreement
- Collective Security? The story of the Stresa Front
- Just how strong were German forces?

PART THREE: THE EMPIRE ON WHICH THE SUN WAS VERY MUCH IN DANGER OF SETTING

How Britain's empire affected its options

- The white dominions and the Statute of Westminster
- The very thin red line
- India

PART FOUR: NAKED INTO THE CONFERENCE CHAMBER

Britain was woefully ill prepared for war in 1938

- Ten Year Rule
- DRC (Defence Requirements Committee)
- Guernica; 'the bomber will always get through'
- Rearmament in 1938: RADAR, Spitfires and Hurricanes

PART FIVE: THE FACTS OF LIFE IN 1938

Britain had one ally, and they weren't much use

- The League of Nations: Manchuria, Abyssinia
- Italy: Mussolini, the Rome-Berlin Axis
- France: the Maginot Mentality
- Mitteleuropa, Little Europa
- The remilitarisation of the Rhineland
- Anschluss
- Stalin's USSR: the Great Terror, the Red Army, Poland
- Why the Franco-Soviet Pact wasn't worth the paper it was written on

PART SIX: THE MAN OF THE HOUR

How Neville Chamberlain saved the world. Or, how he thought he had...

- The Chamberlains
- Britain's German Question
- Sudeten Crisis (Konrad Henlein)
- Plan Z
- Berchtesgaden, Godesberg, Munich
- Was Munich a defeat for Hitler?

SOME CONCLUSIONS: THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE IN 1938, BUT THAT WAS IN PART THEIR OWN FAULT

- Rab Butler
- Cabinet Papers
- Appeasement analogy

