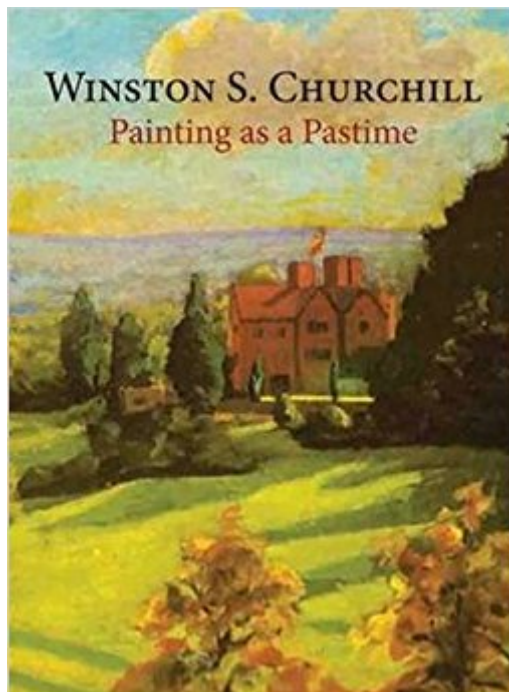


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# Painting As A Pastime



## Synopsis

The perfect antidote to his 'Black Dog', a depression that blighted his working life, Churchill took to painting with gusto. Picking up a paintbrush for the first time at the age of forty, Winston Churchill found in painting a passion that was to remain his constant companion. This glorious essay exudes his compulsion for a hobby that allowed him peace during his dark days, and richly rewarded a nation with a treasure trove of work.

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Winston S. Churchill was a prolific writer, receiving the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1953. He is best known for his historical and political works.

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I am very disappointed in this TINY book.....The description didn't make it clear that this is all prose and nothing more. It is a very small format and there are NO paintings.... Too much money for 96 tiny pages with none of his paintings. I will return it.

This is the edition which is illustrated with images of Churchill's paintings. its a small book filled with inspiration for the beginning painter and its a keeper in my art library. I'm a late bloomer in the field of visual representational art as was Churchill and its delight full to find that he also began painting

to express creativity and to be in the moment. For him to escape the cares of government, for me, to transcend an ordinary life.

I have read most all of the books written by and about Winston S Churchill. So I fancy that I knew the man pretty well - his triumphs and defeats, mood swings, polo, taste for spirits. Somewhere along the way I became dimly aware that he had painted a few pictures. Then yesterday a friend asked if I had read "Painting as a Pastime" perhaps the shortest book that Churchill had written. I had not. I found the book and straightaway downloaded it to my Kindle app. What a wonderful treat. In my naïveté I had presumed that Churchill's paintings were rough amateur creations. They are just the opposite - bright, colorful, well executed works. He had an eye! My sister Ann used to join us on cycling trips in Europe. She always carried with her a sketch pad. She would have us stop at what seemed to me to be randomly selected locations so she could sit and sketch a scene. At one point she convinced me to give sketching a try. I chose a simple scene - a French farm cottage in a field. I enjoyed the experience. Sadly, I did not take up this pastime. I was about 30 years old at the time and preferred more vigorous, active pastimes. Now many years later, after reading "Painting as a Pastime" I am inclined to try my hand at it again. I pray that I will be able to follow Churchill's admonition, "Audacity is the only ticket."

This was a lovely gift to me from me. I've adopted one of the lines from the book as epitomizing how I feel about painting - "a joyride through a paintbox." Painting must have been a wonderful relief for him with the stress he had in his life and it's true that it will take you out of your worries while you give yourself over to it. An excellent essay and great reading for anyone who paints.

I am an admirer of "the Last Lion", Sir Winston was a very remarkable man, a man whose internal energy and desire for what some might term extropy today, were and are a source of inspiration. He tells how to relax, the beauty that exists even on the simplest places, and encourages everyone regardless of age or talent to try something new. This of course can be painting but it applies also to anything at all that you can do with real love. About the prints, they appear in the kindle edition, I can see them in my more than two years old and trusty HD. It is a very short book, but it is valuable, be courageous and TRY to do what you always wanted; and enjoy!

Lovely little book. A quick read and encouraging for those of us timid to keep painting. Fast delivery and book was in excellent condition. Thank you .

While I have been trying to get my hands on an older copy of this book, I could not resist the urge to read it and bought a kindle edition. I am glad I did. Not only is the book about painting, I found the narrative very relevant and in support of pursuing activities that stimulate the mind. A must read for anyone leading a busy and stressful life..

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