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## 内容概要

THE MOST IMPORTANT AND MOST CONTROVERSIAL MILITARY DIARIES OF THE MODERN ERA. FOR MOST of the Second World War General Sir Alan Brooke, later Field Marshal Lord Alan Brooke, was Chief of the Imperial General Staff (CIGS) - Britain's top soldier and Churchill's principal military adviser, and antagonist, in the inner councils of war. He also led the British military in the bargaining and brokering of the Grand Alliance with Roosevelt and Stalin, in the great conferences at Casablanca, Tehran, Washington and Yalta. By common consent, he was the greatest CIGS in the history of the British Army. These diaries have never been published, complete, before. In the 1950s Alan Brooke collaborated with the historian Sir Arthur Bryant on *The Turn of the Tide and Triumph in the West*, which used only a heavily censored selection. Full publication of the diaries was then considered inadvisable, perhaps impossible, not least for fear of libel. Here they are, at last, complete and unexpurgated, offering an unrivalled account from the epicentre of this gargantuan conflict. They begin in September 1939. Initially written out of love and loneliness, they became both a safety-valve and a moral comfort, written up each night - in contravention of every regulation throughout his stormy tenure. After playing a key part in salvaging what was possible at Dunkirk, he became C-in-C Home Forces. In December 1941, on his appointment as CIGS, the long and intense love-hate relationship between Churchill and Alan Brooke began the governing partnership of the British war effort. These diaries provide a blow-by-blow account of how the Second World War was waged and eventually won, from the man at Churchill's elbow (and sometimes his throat). They open a unique window onto the inner workings of the Grand Alliance. Alan Brooke's implacable arguments spared no one - politicians, Americans, Russians, Chinese, even his own generals: Wavell, Auchinleck, Montgomery, Slim, Alexander. At home he had to (continued on back flap)

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