

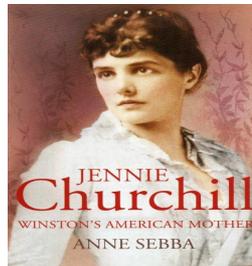
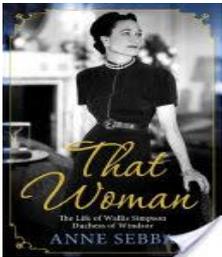


Arts Society Granta SPECIAL INTEREST DAY

Monday 5th November 2018
Churchill College

“How American Women have challenged the British Establishment”

Anne Sebba - Biographer, Journalist, Historian and Lecturer
Regular TV appearances on Historical Events



Programme

- 10.00** Coffee & biscuits
- 10.30-11.30** Life of Wallis Simpson, Duchess of Windsor
- 11.30 - 11.45** Interval
- 11.45 - 12.45** Jennie Churchill, Winston’s American Mother
- 12.45 – 13.45** Lunch
- 13.45 – 15.00** The Dollar Princesses

Anne will bring her books to sign and sell

Booking form

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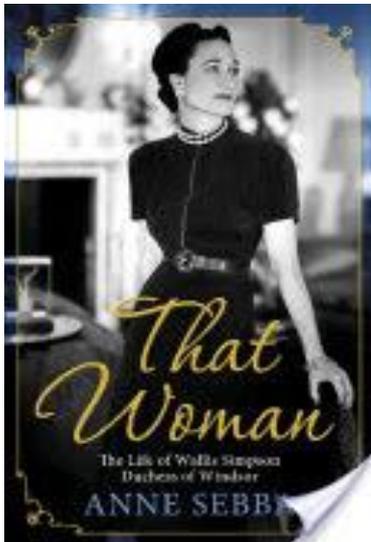
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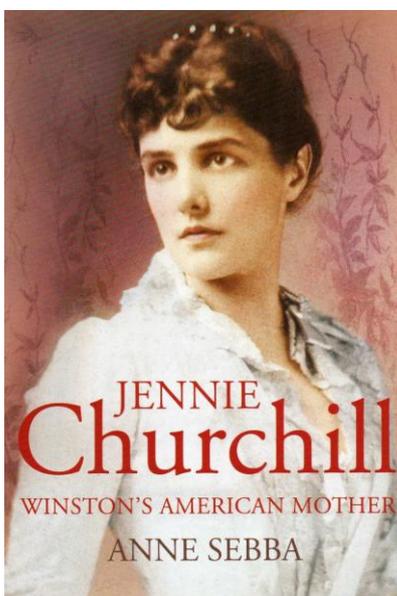


One of Britain's most distinguished biographers turns her focus on one of the most vilified women of the twentieth century. Historian Anne Sebba has written the first full biography by a woman of Wallis Simpson, Duchess of Windsor.

'That woman', as she was referred to by the Queen Mother, became a hate figure for ensnaring a British king and destabilising the monarchy. Neither beautiful nor brilliant, she nevertheless became one of the most talked-about women of her generation, and she inspired such deep love and adoration in Edward VIII that he gave up a throne and an empire for her. Wallis lived by her wit and her wits, while both her apparent and alleged moral transgressions added to her aura and dazzle.

THE DOLLAR PRINCESSES

Between 1870 and 1914, hundreds of American heiresses flooded the shores of continental Europe. By the time the Great War broke out that would change the world for ever, most of Europe's titled families could boast at least one wealthy American somewhere amid the branches of the family tree. But whereas Consuelo Vanderbilt – (one of the wealthiest heiresses of her time who in 1895 became Duchess of Marlborough) - and Jennie Jerome – (who almost twenty years before had married Lord Randolph Churchill) - are well known, there were literally hundreds of other wealthy American women who traded their fortunes for titles. These marriages - dubbed by some as gilded prostitution – were usually hard-headed matches plotted by the parents. They may have kept many a grand estate from collapsing but few provided lasting happiness when the fairy tale was exposed. There were complaints that brash Americans and their money were taking husbands away from English girls.



After a three-day romance, Brooklyn-born Jennie Jerome married into the British aristocracy, becoming Lady Randolph Churchill. At a time when women were afforded few freedoms, she was a behind-the-scenes political dynamo. However it was Jennie's love life that marked her out, earning her the epithet 'more panther than woman'. In other ways, Jennie was deeply loyal to her husband. When he was dying of syphilis she took him on a round-the-world trip to conceal his violence and mania.

Her great project became her son, Winston, with whom she was entwined in an intense mutual dependency. Jennie died suddenly in 1921, and although Winston was not to become the nation's leader for another two decades, he had acquired from his mother an unshakeable faith in his destiny.