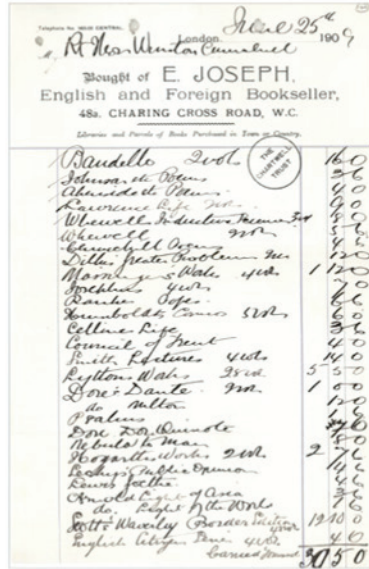


## BOOKS



For his move to Bolton Street, Churchill embarked on an astonishing book-buying spree, building an exceptional gentleman's library. On February 12, 1906, he purchased fifty-nine volumes of mainly historical works from George Harding of Great Russell Street, including Spencer Walpole's *History of England* and Sir Archibald Alison's *History of Europe*. February 16 proved a day for book shopping along Charing Cross Road—from E. Joseph at No. 48a, Churchill purchased 178 mainly literary volumes, including sets by De Quincy, Molière, Wordsworth, Boswell, Dryden, and Smollett, George Eliot's novels and Dr. Johnson's *Lives of the Poets*. From George Winter at No. 52 he took home forty-seven volumes, including Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations*. From J. Law & Son at No. 53, he purchased Macaulay's *History of England* in five volumes and Napier's *History of the War in the Peninsula* in six, among many others. From Bertram Dobell at No. 77 on the following day, he bought *Racine's Works* in seven volumes. On February 26 Churchill returned to E. Joseph for 108 more volumes—history and literature—including the works of Jane Austen and Carlyle. In March he bought 112 volumes from James Roche of New Oxford Street, again both history and literature, including the works of Henry Fielding, Byron, and Locke. On March 26 he was back again at E. Joseph for a fifteen-volume set of *Cowper's Works*, the Earl of Stanhope's *Life of William Pitt*, and a four-volume *Don Quixote*. On April 9 he added nearly a hundred more books to his E. Joseph order, including *Burns's Poems*, Barham's *Ingoldsby Legends*, Hume's *Essays*, Hogarth's *Works*, and a ten-volume set of the works of Edgar Allan Poe. On April 20 he returned to Roche for 105 volumes of both history and literature, including a fifty-two-volume *Biographie Universelle* and thirty volumes of Josiah Conder's *The Modern Traveler*. That same day on New Oxford Street, he purchased from J. Westell forty-one more literary volumes, including two Milton titles and a copy of Byron's *Conversations*. On May 21 E. Joseph sold Churchill fifty-nine more volumes, including the works of Lamb, the works of a Brontë sister (which one was not noted), Plutarch's *Lives*, and Sloan's *Life of Napoleon Bonaparte*. His discount—it is worth noting—had now been increased at E. Joseph from 10 to 20 percent.

Churchill's total expenditure on books in 1906 would be well over £250, with his total purchases numbering more than seven hundred individual volumes.

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Less than two months after his wedding, on November 2, 1908, Churchill brought the following books *back* to E. Joseph for credit: Newman's *Sermons*; Smith's *Wealth of Nations*; D'A Bruntes's *Memoires*; Macaulay's *History of England* and his works; the multivolume works of Locke, Lamb, Smollett, and Austen; a set of Gibbon's *Rome*; Buckle's *Civilization*; and twenty-eight volumes that composed *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies*.

"Mr. Joseph regrets to say he has ascertained *The War of the Rebellion* is of no commercial value," the bookseller responded in a note shortly thereafter. "Will Mr. Churchill kindly let us know what we shall do with them."

