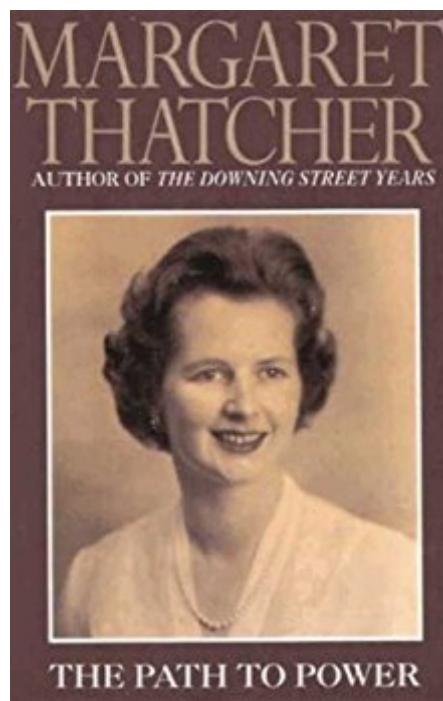


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# The Path To Power



## Synopsis

In her international bestseller, *The Downing Street Years*, Margaret Thatcher provided an acclaimed account of her years as Prime Minister. This second volume reflects on the early years of her life and how they influenced her political career.

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What makes a book interesting is the emotional content of the story. Mrs Thatcher wants to avoid that. It is not entirely possible. But by judicious piling on of verbiage she manages very well. You will have to admit after working your way through it that the last 30% is just padding that says a lot but tells you nothing. What is interesting is the level of intellectual division there is to Mrs. Thatcher. She is a Conservative, therefore she loves the monarchy and is big on the idea of how important her father was to her life. However it is worth noting that Mrs Thatcher is the one prime minister who had the worst relations with the queen, and everything she did personally after she reached adulthood was an inversion of his principles. She was raised one way, she raised her children in an exactly opposite manner. Her father was a Methodist and the Thatcher household was notorious for the level of alcohol consumed. She was a Conservative, but also she was the most revolutionary leader since Disraeli. What makes this an interesting book is the level of internal conflict in her mind. This

from a lady mostly notorious for "knowing her own mind" on everything. It is obvious that the lessons taught by Alf Roberts to his younger daughter stood her in good stead. She was a hard worker and sweated all the details every step of the way. That is how she reached the top. She had no patience for those around her who didn't work as hard as she did. This sort of explains her very good relations with many Labour party leaders who had similar work habits, and the poisonous relations for several Conservative party leaders who tried to coast on manner and privilege. What makes an autobiography worth while is the confessions along the way.

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