



A Summer Bright and Terrible

Winston Churchill, Lord Dowding, Radar, and the Impossible Triumph of the Battle of Britain

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A fascinating account of the quiet, eccentric man who led the RAF during World War II

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DAVID E. FISHER has written more than twenty books of nonfiction and fiction, including *A Race on the Edge of Time* and *Fire and Ice*. He has also coauthored three books with his son, Marshall Jon Fisher—*Tube*, *Strangers in the Night*, and *Mysteries of the Past*. He teaches cosmochemistry and environmental science, along with courses on the impact of science on history and theories of war and peace, at the University of Miami. He holds a PhD in nuclear physics.

Popular recollections of the World War II-era British Royal Air Force (RAF) and Winston Churchill forget that their victory over Hitler's forces was anything but certain. The British military had barely survived the early battle at Dunkirk and had left much of their arsenal behind there on that bloody beach. In the hot and dry summer of 1940, with the threat of Hitler glinting across the English Channel, the British had to ask themselves: What exactly will we fight them with? Lord Dowding, Air Chief Marshall of the RAF, Head of Fighter Command, First Baron of Bentley Priory, knew: radar. He was correct, of course. But he would have trouble convincing the strong-willed Churchill because, despite Dowding's titles, he was still an unassuming man known for talking to the ghosts of his dead pilots and for his belief in faeries. David E. Fisher's book chronicles the little-known struggle between England's powerful prime minister and the quiet airman with the critical strategy that would win the Battle of Britain. Part military history, part science narrative, part biography, *A Summer Bright and Terrible* is brought to vivid life by Fisher's expert storytelling.

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