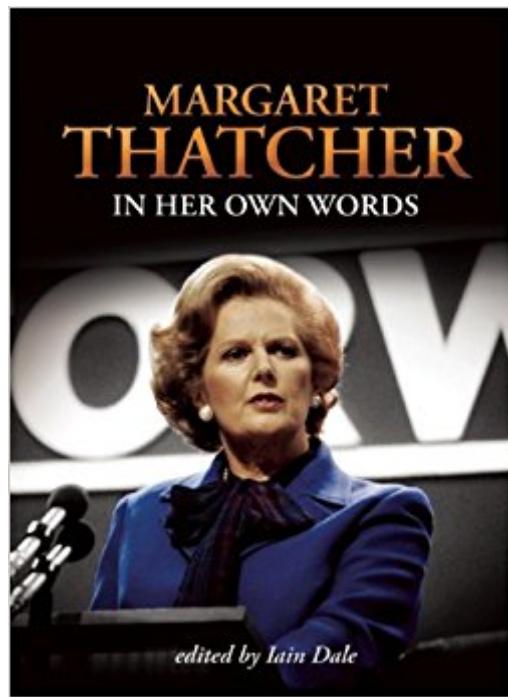


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Before George Bush and Tony Blair, there was Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher. Together they embodied the trans-Atlantic "special relationship" and faced head-on the threat of global communism. In her eulogy for Reagan, Thatcher famously said, "We have lost a great president, a great American, and a great man. And I have lost a dear friend." Thatcher was a formidable and largely self-trained orator and this volume collects her greatest and most famous speeches, as well as the cream of her interviews, alongside other biographical material. To mark the twentieth anniversary of Thatcher leaving power, Dialogue is also releasing a three-hour CD of her greatest speeches, unabridged.

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When it comes to Thatcher, there are three types of people: 1. Those who think she's the devil (i.e. if you trip over a stone in the road, it was put there by Maggie). 2. Those who recognise her great abilities & achievements but also see her flaws. and 3. Those who see her as God. When I started reading this book, I thought that the author was a number '3' as the back cover is lavish in praise and the introduction is fawning of the times he met her in person. Still, the good thing about the book is that it is essentially a compilation of speeches, so any bias that the author may have only comes across in his selection of speeches which, as mentioned, are some of her best ones. It starts off with her maiden speech in the House of Commons (in favour of her private member's bill), which won a great deal of praise from parliamentary superiors at the time. Unlike other books/ CDs, there is also

interviews and speeches from before 1979, her abilities as a leader of the opposition come across well and I daresay David Cameron learnt a thing or two from her actions during this period. Moving on to the speeches in power (which is covered by 3 chapters), I noticed that one of her best conference speeches was missed out - 1982. However, a good spread of speeches is still there, including her 'Francis of Assisi' remarks on gaining office and the 'Lady's not for turning' speech. Interestingly, the three sections in office also cover a lot of interviews, parliamentary discourse & other material which normally don't feature in these sorts of books and help break up the narrative.

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