

# PORTRAITS: THE FORGOTTEN INDIVIDUALS WHO SHAPED HISTORY



*Portraits: The Forgotten Individuals Who Shaped History* is a collection of fascinating life stories of a number of people who played a critical role in history's shadows. Well-known historical writers present vivid portraits of influential individuals who had an important part in shaping the world we know today – their successes, setbacks and destinies.

**We meet the financier whose business acumen was crucial in fighting Nazism in 1930s Amsterdam; Oscar Wilde's bon vivant brother; Richelieu's mentor, who gave rise to the very expression *eminence grise*; and the Russian engineer Konstantin Tsiolkovsky, who despite leaving school deaf at the age of 14 became a self-taught pioneer in rocket science.**

“The people we chose to spotlight say something about their era and about our history. Readers can get a sense of the *Zeitgeist* by looking at the people who were influential in the past but were then forgotten. Many of them were visionaries who predicted things we take for granted today,” says Mattias Hessérus, one of the editors.

Who was Churchill's right-hand man, Brendan Bracken, and what role did he play? And what did it mean for women's opportunities to get an education that Philippa Fawcett got the top score in the Cambridge Mathematical Tripos examination, beating all her male peers in an age when women were not actually admitted to universities? The entertaining accounts have been printed as separate pamphlets and collected in a beautiful slipcase.



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