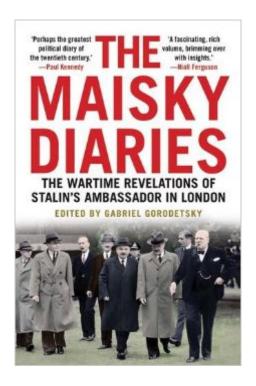
# The book was found

# The Maisky Diaries: The Wartime Revelations Of Stalin's Ambassador In London





# Synopsis

Highlights of the extraordinary wartime diaries of Ivan Maisky, Soviet ambassador to London The terror and purges of Stalinâ ™s Russia in the 1930s discouraged Soviet officials from leaving documentary records let alone keeping personal diaries. A remarkable exception is the unique diary assiduously kept by Ivan Maisky, the Soviet ambassador to London between 1932 and 1943. This selection from Maisky's diary, never before published in English, grippingly documents Britainâ ™s drift to war during the 1930s, appeasement in the Munich era, negotiations leading to the signature of the Ribbentropâ "Molotov Pact, Churchillâ ™s rise to power, the German invasion of Russia, and the intense debate over the opening of the second front. A Maisky was distinguished by his great sociability and access to the key players in British public life. Among his range of regular contacts were politicians (including Churchill, Chamberlain, Eden, and Halifax), press barons (Beaverbrook), ambassadors (Joseph Kennedy), intellectuals (Keynes, Sidney and Beatrice Webb), writers (George Bernard Shaw, H. G. Wells), and indeed royalty. His diary further reveals the role personal rivalries within the Kremlin played in the formulation of Soviet policy at the time. Scrupulously edited and checked against a vast range of Russian and Western archival evidence, this extraordinary narrative diary offers a fascinating revision of the events surrounding the Second World War.

## **Book Information**

Paperback: 632 pages

Publisher: Yale University Press; Reprint edition (August 23, 2016)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0300221703

ISBN-13: 978-0300221701

Product Dimensions: 5.5 x 1.9 x 8.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.8 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (21 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #374,796 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #67 in Books > Literature &

Fiction > Essays & Correspondence > Diaries & Journals #228 in Books > Biographies &

Memoirs > Historical > Europe > Russia #298 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics &

Government > International & World Politics > Russian & Former Soviet Union

## **Customer Reviews**

Gabriel Gorodetsky has done an enormous public service in editing the diaries of Ivan Maisky,

Stalinâ TMs ambassador to London from 1932-43. The diaries bring to life the interwar diplomacy of Britain and Russia as they attempt to deal with the rise of Nazi Germany. It will be referenced in all future books on foreign policy of the interwar years. However, for the lay reader it a very long book (633 pages in the print edition). Maisky working under Soviet Foreign Minister Maxim Litvinov became one of the architects of Moscowâ TMs policy of â œcollective securityâ • to contain the Nazi menace. Unfortunately that policy failed and after Munich when Stalin turned towards Germany to make is separate peace. He highlights the degree of mistrust both Russia and Britain had for each other. Each feared, correctly as it turned out, that the other would make a separate deal with Hitler. What the diaries highlight is that Maisky was among the first of the modern ambassadors who dealt with more than official government to government relations. He established a broad range of contacts outside official channels. He was very close to the then back bencher Winston Churchill and Lord Beaverbrook. Those two contacts would become extremely important after the Nazi invasion of Russia in June 1940. He was also close to such Bloomsbury group personages as Sidney and Beatrice Webb, the Shaws and H.G. Wells. On an official basis he was very close to Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, perhaps too close in the sense he probably learned stuff that would normally have been more secure. Through his Marxist eyes he sees the rot of the British upper classes and their infatuation with appearement and the Nazi sympathizers among more than a few of them.

### Download to continue reading...

The Maisky Diaries: The Wartime Revelations of Stalin's Ambassador in London The Maisky Diaries: Red Ambassador to the Court of St James's, 1932-1943 Dork Diaries Box Set (Book 1-3): Dork Diaries; Dork Diaries 2; Dork Diaries 3 Minecraft: Girl Diaries 6 in 1 (Minecraft Box Set, Minecraft Girls, Minecraft Women, Minecraft Kids, Minecraft Childrens Books, Minecraft Diaries, Minecraft Wimpy Diaries) So Lovely a Country Will Never Perish: Wartime Diaries of Japanese Writers (Asia Perspectives: History, Society, and Culture) Crypts, Caves and Tunnels of London (Of London series) Streetwise London Map - Laminated City Center Street Map of London, England 101 London Travel Tips: Your complete guide to making the most of your trips to London! Swingers of West London: POCKET BOOK SERIES issue 1 & 2 (Swingers of West London (Pocket Edition)) Frankie Manning: Ambassador of Lindy Hop The British Ambassador's Residence in Paris Teatime in Mogadishu: My Journey as a Peace Ambassador in the World of Islam (Christians Meeting Muslims) Minecraft Diaries: Minecraft Bundle of 3 Minecraft Books in 1 (Minecraft Diaries, Minecraft Pig) Minecraft Books for Children, Minecraft Books for ... Xbox, Minecraft Princesses, Minecraft Princese

Princess Diaries, Minecraft Books, Minecraft Diaries, Minecraft Diary, Minecraft Book for Kids) The Royal Diaries: Marie Antoinette, Princess of Versailles, Austria-France, 1769 (The Royal Diaries) Notes from a Colored Girl: The Civil War Pocket Diaries of Emilie Frances Davis (Women's Diaries and Letters of the South) Origins (The Vampire Diaries, Stefan's Diaries, Vol. 1) Diaries: Volume 1, 1939-1960 (Isherwood, Christopher Diaries) Bloodlands: Europe between Hitler and Stalin True Believer: Stalin's Last American Spy

**Dmca**