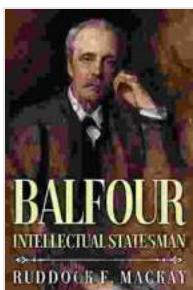


# Balfour: Intellectual Statesman

By Ruddock Mackay

Arthur Balfour, the first Earl of Balfour, was a towering figure in British history, serving as Prime Minister from 1902 to 1905 and Foreign Secretary from 1916 to 1919. He was also a renowned philosopher and a key figure in the development of Zionism.



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## A Statesman of Principle

Balfour was a man of deep principle, who believed in the power of reason and the importance of public service. He was a strong supporter of free trade and individual liberty, and he opposed imperialism and militarism.

As Prime Minister, Balfour oversaw the passage of a number of important reforms, including the Education Act of 1902 and the Licensing Act of 1904. He also played a key role in the negotiations that led to the end of the Boer War.

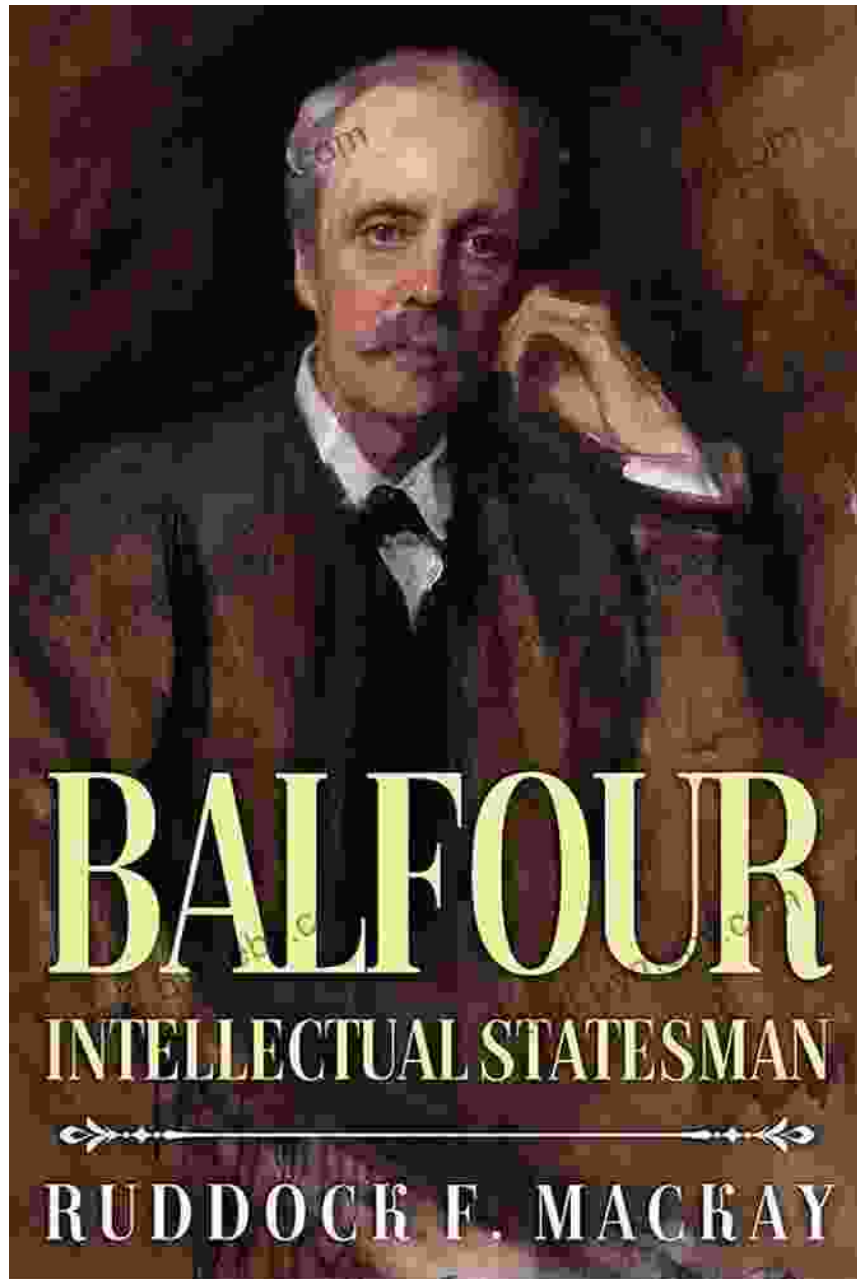
### **A Philosopher of Note**

In addition to his political career, Balfour was also a renowned philosopher. He was a strong advocate for the philosophy of idealism, which holds that reality is ultimately mental or spiritual in nature.

Balfour's philosophical writings have had a profound influence on subsequent thinkers, including Bertrand Russell and A.J. Ayer. He is also remembered for his famous "Balfour Declaration," which expressed support for the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

### **A Legacy of Influence**

Balfour's legacy is complex and multifaceted. He was a brilliant statesman, a gifted philosopher, and a key figure in the development of Zionism. His ideas and actions continue to resonate today, and he remains an important figure in British history.

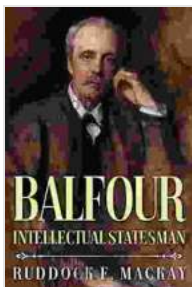


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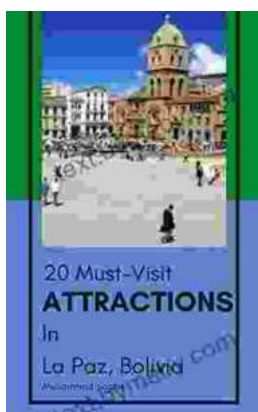
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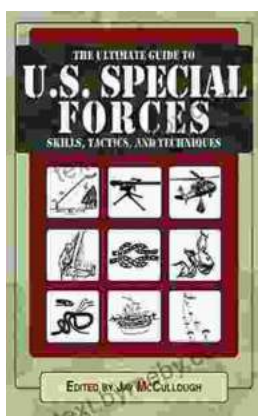


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