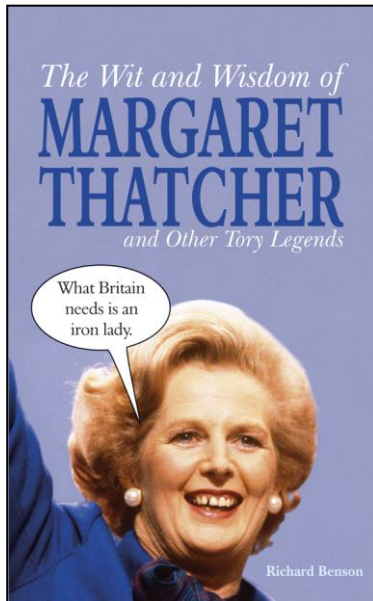


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- ***“Every prime minister needs a Willy.” Margaret Thatcher***
- ***“We were all her creation.” Kenneth Baker***
- ***“I don’t mind how much my ministers talk – as long as they do what I say.” Margaret Thatcher***
- ***“I was one of those people who was always rather frightened of women politicians.” William Whitelaw***

Love her or hate her, few would disagree that Margaret Thatcher was one of the most influential voices of 20th Century British politics. Whether you agreed with them or not, her policies, her approach and her convictions undoubtedly changed UK politics and the British way of life for ever.

“I am, as you may know, the first ... [pause] research chemist to hold this position.” Margaret Thatcher

As Britain's first female prime minister from 1979 – 1990 (and the Conservative Party's first woman leader), “The Iron Lady” was outspoken, strong-willed, stubborn and never afraid of controversy. Often quoted as the lady “who was not for turning” and who believed “there is no such thing as society”, Margaret Thatcher was also thoughtful, witty and profound as this collection of quotations reveals.

- ***“I like to be made a fuss of by a lot of chaps.” Margaret Thatcher***
- ***“She was a tigress surrounded by hamsters.” John Biffen***
- ***“I owe nothing to Women’s Lib.” Margaret Thatcher***
- ***“They say a man should be judged by his enemies. I am very proud of mine.” Michael Heseltine***
- ***“I wasn’t lucky. I deserved it.” Margaret Thatcher***
- ***“Shut up, Prime Minister.” Nigel Lawson***
- ***“Has he resigned or has he gone for a pee?” Margaret Thatcher***
- ***“God bless her, I think.” Keith Joseph***

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