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The Book

Britain's Greatest Prime Minister: Lord Liverpool unpicks two centuries of Whig history to redeem Lord Liverpool (1770-1828) from 'arch-mediocrity' and establish him as the greatest political leader the country has ever seen.

In the past, biographers of Lord Liverpool have not sufficiently acknowledged the importance of his foremost skill: economic policy (including fiscal, monetary and banking system questions). Here, Hutchinson's decades of experience in the finance sector provide a more specialised perspective on Liverpool's economic legacy than most historians are able to offer.

From his adept handling of unparalleled economic and social difficulties, to his strategic defeat of Napoleon and unprecedented approach to the subsequent peace process, Liverpool is shown to have set Britain's course for prosperity and effective government for the following century. In addition to granting him his rightful place among British Prime Ministers on both domestic and foreign policy grounds, Hutchinson advances how a proper regard for Liverpool's career might have changed the structure and policies of today's government for the better.

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Key Sales and Publicity Points

- Major reappraisal of the life and legacy of Lord Liverpool as Britain's greatest ever Prime Minister.
- Author contributes 27 years of banking and 20 years of journalism experience to a unique assessment of Liverpool's economic policy.
- Strong appeal to anybody with an interest in current affairs, economics, politics and history.
- Confrmed features in FT Adviser magazine (print and online) and Historic UK online (dates TBC).



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