

A sepia-toned portrait of Margaret Thatcher, showing her from the chest up. She has short, wavy, light-colored hair and is smiling slightly. She is wearing a light-colored, possibly white, top. The background is a plain, light color.

MARGARET
THATCHER

THE PATH TO POWER

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