

HELLO WW2



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Introduction

This book is set in 1939, the day the war started. It is about a boy named Jack, he is 10 years old. He has ginger hair with freckles all over. His best friend is a boy named Diego he is a month older than Jack. They are both being evacuated but being split up. They are moving in to the countryside where no bombs will land.

Jack's little sister Rosie is 5. She does not know what's going on. They will not be split up.

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Bye Bye City

It was one Monday morning that Jack's mother announced "Rosie, Jack you're going on holiday". They both had different images in their heads. In Rosie's head there was riding on ponies and playing in the sand. Jack's images were different; to see airforce planes, to live in castles. At the same time they both said "where are we going?" "To the

countryside” Jack and Rosie’s mother replied. “Yaay” Rosie said sarcastically, “What fun” Jack lied.

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Back to School

Jack went to school with his best friend Diego, while Rosie went to school with her best friend Mary.

On the way there Jack said to Diego “Did your Mum tell you that you were going on holiday?”

“Yes she did”.

“That’s weird, I didn’t expect you to say yes”.

“Do you have any idea why are mums told us we were going on a holiday?”.

“I think it might be something to do with E-VAC-U-A-TION”. He said it slowly so he could get all the words right.

“And there was another weird thing,” said Diego, “I did not see my Dad this morning but I did hear the door slam, I think it was him.”

“Yeah, I didn’t see my Dad either” Jack said. Then Jack carried on “but I heard my Mum and Dad discussing something about new jobs. My Mum said she has a new job which was making guns in factories, which is strange because women don’t work” said Jack.

“Yeah, my Mum said she had a new job which was making planes. “ Diego said.

Then Diego and Jack said together “Our dads have joined the Navy!” Then they said “World War 2 is starting!”

Then Diego added “We are getting evacuated to the countryside.”

Jack started to cry a little bit once they got to school but then the strangest thing happened.

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Strange Thing

The strangest thing then just happened to Jack and Rosie and Diego and Mary (who are now siblings Diego and Mary). The teachers were calling out things like “We all want you to gather up.” (I’m not sure that is true in real life.)

When the teachers were gathering up their classmates the teacher Mrs Wilson was saying “We are going on a long trip to the countryside. It will be a long trip and you will hopefully find some nice couples. We don’t know how long you will live there but we hope that the Germans will surrender and Hitler will die.” That was when Jack put up his hand. “Why don’t we just stay in the city?”

“Because the city is very busy and in the countryside there is just a few people and it is safer”.

“Anyway a few days back you were learning how to put on gas masks” reminded Mrs Wilson. “I hope you still remember because it might be useful.”

When they finally got to the train station some people were crying. Rosie, Jack, Diego and Mary stuck together. Jack was clutching Rosie’s hand very firmly because he knew she was all the family he’d got for a very long time.

Rosie was really scared but Jack was feeling scared and brave he had butterflies in his tummy. He had all sorts of different questions for the future, like which couple would he get, would he like them or would he hate them? They were given name tags and they all packed different things, some packed favourite toys but they all packed clothing and gas masks.

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On the train

When they got on the train all four of their hands were sweaty Jack and Diego saw tears welling up in Rosie's and Mary's eyes. They all sat quietly wondering what life was going to be like in the future. Diego heard some of Jack and Diego's friends were going to Canada a place where no bombs will land, like the countryside. Then suddenly the train started moving, slowly at first but then speeded up a little bit. Jack and Rosie were wondering what their mother and father were doing. They were also missing them. Mary had gone to sleep and Diego was looking out of the window. Jack knew Diego was feeling scared so he put a kind arm around him. Diego smiled and put his head against the window.

Choosing children

When they got there, Jack's teacher Mrs Wilson took them in to a small room. Then the teacher led 5 couples in to the room, they all looked very nice but they were judging the children's looks. None of them chose Jack and Rosie. They took Diego and shortly after that Mary was gone.

Soon Jack and Rosie were the last ones left, they had to wait a while. Time went by and no one came until one fat plump lady with a red velvet dress came in. She had ginger hair, tied up in a pony tail. She said to the children "Well I guess I will have to take you then." She took Rosie and Jack "Yes Ma'am" they said together. They both looked at each other with worried faces. "You keep that chin up" she said to Rosie. "You tuck that shirt in" she said fiercely. "You have a long day ahead of you." Then Jack said "Ma'am, are you married." "Well yes I am but it is rather rude of you to say that. Learn some manners young man." Jack was rather shocked but tried not to show it. Jack looked at Rosie wondering why she was so shy and scared. Scared he understood but shy he didn't. He thought he would see her crying but in fact she was smiling, that made Jack smile too. But still he didn't know why she was smiling. Then Jack asked the big lady "What is your name?" "Mrs McClare" then Rosie shot up and said "Is your husband Mr McClare". "Of course he is, he is a very handsome man but horrid to me." Rosie thought "I don't think he is, you're the one who is horrid to him. I don't know how I know that but I do." Then Jack said "Wait is Mr McClare the farmer we have heard about." "yes Dad said he had a friend named Mr McClare."

Said Rosie. Then Mrs McClare said “shut your mouth, you should not be knowing this stuff.”

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Meeting Mr McClare

When Rosie and Jack finally got to Mr & Mrs McClare’s little cottage next to the crowded farm it had all sorts of animals like cows, goats, sheep and Jack and Rosie’s favourite, pigs. Pigs were funny, fat, lazy, greedy and silly. When they were walking in to the tiny cottage it was a mess, there were crisps all over the place which Jack suspected was Mrs McClare’s fault, the radio was on which Jack also suspected was Mrs McClare’s fault, basically every mess in the house was Mrs McClare’s fault. Then Mr McClare came in and greeted the children in a very kind voice, then Mr McClare took out his hand and introduced himself, the children shook it and said “it’s very nice to meet you sir” and Jack introduced himself and his little sister. He said “I am Jack and I am 10 years old and this is Rosie and she is 5.” “It is a pleasure to meet you children, ” Mr McClare said kindly “I have seen you have already met my wife Mrs McClare. Would you like to go and see the animals?” “Yes please” said Rosie and Jack together enthusiastically. Then Mrs McClare apologised to them for being so rude at the train station and she told them she was just giving them a challenge to make sure they were they wouldn’t shout back at her. She wanted to make sure she got well-behaved children.

THE END

So in the end it all ended like a fairy story. Hitler died and the war ended in 1945 and they got to see their family again. Also Mr McClare and Mrs McClare were really nice to them so they had happy lives ever since that very day.