

Tales From My Grandmother

Memories of a Child in World War II England



by Surrey Blackburn
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Charming Stories of Life on the Home Front- Through the Eyes of a Little Girl

By turns poignant, funny and moving, these delightfully illustrated tales convey both the everydayness and the harsh realities of life at home in England during World War II.

As you read these charming stories, you will experience what it felt like to be a little Bristol girl trying to make sense of a world of air raid shelters, gas masks, rationing, and endless queues. Based on memories Surrey Blackburn shared with her own grandchildren, *Tales From My Grandmother* gives the children of today a real sense of what life was like for children back then:

- Living through air raids
- Dealing with gas masks
- Songs and games that helped everyone cope
- Sharing Ration book coupons
- Maintaining family ties

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Gently yet informatively, Surrey Blackburn's "Tales From My Grandmother" guides the reader into a time in history that must not be forgotten, nor should it ever be repeated. Perhaps it is only through a child's garden of memories that grownups can be reminded just how foolish grownups can be.

- Jean Bartlett, *Pacifica Tribune*

I highly recommend "Tales From My Grandmother" as a book that will interest your students and give them a very real child's perspective from another time. My students talked about how they would feel if they were evacuated. It was a natural jumping off point for writing their own personal narratives. - Alice Garabaldi, - Teacher, Ocean School

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