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The War I Finally Won



Synopsis

Like the classic heroines of *Sarah, Plain and Tall* and *Little Women*, Ada conquers the homefront as her World War II journey continues in this sequel to the Newbery Honor-winning *The War that Saved My Life*. When Ada's clubfoot is surgically fixed at last, she knows for certain that she's not what her mother said she was—damaged, deranged, crippled mentally as well as physically. She's not a daughter anymore, either. What is she? As World War II continues, and Ada and her brother, Jamie, are living with their loving legal guardian, Susan, in a borrowed cottage on the estate of the formidable Lady Thorton along with Lady Thorton herself and her daughter, Maggie. Life in the crowded cottage is tense enough, and then, quite suddenly, Ruth, a Jewish girl from Germany, moves in. A German? The occupants of the house are horrified. But other impacts of the war become far more frightening. As death creeps closer to their door, life and morality during wartime grow more complex. Who is Ada now? How can she keep fighting? And who will she struggle to save? Ada's first story, *The War that Saved My Life*, won a Newbery Honor, the Schneider Family Book Award, and the Josette Frank Award, in addition to appearing on multiple best-of-the-year lists. This second, marvelous volume continues Ada's powerful, uplifting story.

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Customer Reviews

* "Bradley sweeps us up in the story she's telling and at the same time raises hard questions and makes us think—even as she moves us to tears." —The Horn Book, starred review
* "Thoughtful, brave, true, and wise beyond her years, Ada is for the ages—as is this book. Wonderful." —Kirkus, starred review

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