

Knowledge Organiser- English: Carrie's War

Important Information

Plot: Carrie's War is Nina Bawden's classic World War 2 story of children evacuated from London to Wales.

Carrie and her younger brother Nick are evacuated to Wales to spend the war years with the fierce, old shop keeper Mr Evans and his sister 'Auntie' Lou.

Themes: Sadness, separation, grief, hope, happiness

Setting: World War 2, Wales

Main Characters: Carrie, Nick, Auntie Lou, Hepzibah Green, Mr Gotobed, Mrs Gotobed, Mr Evans



Key Vocabulary

World War 2	The Second World War was a global war that lasted from 1939 to 1945.
Evacuee	Evacuation means leaving a place. During the Second World War, many children living in big cities and towns were moved temporarily from their homes to homes in the countryside where it was considered to be safe. Over the course of three days, 1.5 million evacuees were sent to rural locations.
Blitz	The Blitz was a German bombing campaign against Britain in 1940 and 1941, during the Second World War. The term was first used by British press and is the German word for 'lightning'.
Air raid shelter	A building or structure designed to protect people from bombs dropped during air raids.
Rations	Rationing (people only being allowed to have a fixed amount) began on 8th January 1940 when bacon, butter and sugar were rationed. By 1942 many other foodstuffs, including meat, milk, cheese, eggs and cooking fat were also 'on the ration'.

Name of Book: Carrie's War

Publication: First published in Great Britain in 1973

Author: Nina Bawden

Genre: Children's historical novel

Quote

"I did a dreadful thing, the worst thing of my life, when I was twelve and a half years old, and nothing can change it"

