

*Life for teenaged Bruna is turned upside down when her small Italian village becomes the center of fighting in the last months of World War II.*

Bruna is the youngest of seven children, living an idyllic life in a small Italian village in northern Tuscany. Though the Second World War has been raging in Europe for some time, the dangers haven't seemed to reach her, and the Italian leader Mussolini's allegiance with Hitler and the distant reports of fighting seem far away. But before long, Bruna's brothers are called to fight and by 1943 food rationing and shortages begin to take a toll on her family.

Soon the Italian people turn against their fascist regime and war comes to the region. When the retreating Nazis occupy her village, Bruna struggles to cope and help her mother and sisters stand up to the soldiers. Her peaceful life is shattered when her beloved village and its occupants find themselves in the center of the fighting between the Nazis and the Allied forces pursuing them — the final front defended by the Nazis in Europe.

Including a map and photographs, *War in My Town* is a true story based on the experiences of the author's mother and her family.

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