



Tom's Private War

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Set in the opening weeks of the second world war, when a group of children at the end of summer are learning to cope with gasmasks and black outs and the prospect of threatening changes ahead of them, **Tom's Private War** is a short, exciting, old fashioned story of rivalry, courage and comradeship. Tom is a subordinate member of the gang who is beginning to fret against gangleader William's arrogant authority. When a bunch of tough refugees arrive from Liverpool, William retaliates by engineering a potentially lethal contest of daring between Tom and one of the newcomers. This book is very redolent of one of those children's thrillers written at the time that the action of this story takes place, so it achieves a pleasing sense of period authenticity in its telling as well as its content.

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