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The date was Thursday 8 May 1941. Billy Frecknall was nine years old, and the country was at war. What could that mean to a nine-year-old? A great deal, not least being the fact that Billy to all intents and purposes no longer had a Dad, because his father had enlisted in the army in the early days of the war, and they didn't even know where he was.

That night saw the biggest air raid Billy's home town of Nottingham had experienced, and there were many casualties, including Billy's Mum. Billy survived, but finding his Dad became even more urgent than before. His quest leads him into many adventures and a great deal of danger, but his courage never falters.

Billy is a cheerful, intelligent, resourceful boy who has the gift of winning the hearts of most people he encounters – he will probably win yours too!

Billy's War Details

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From Reader Review Billy's War for online ebook

Susie James says

Takes you back to WWII through the eyes of a boy

While I felt there was too much detail at times and not enough at others, I enjoyed viewing England during the 1940s through the eyes of a 9 year old boy. I was very interested in how this young boy thought beyond his years.

Andrea says

Brilliant read sad to start of with young boy who lost his mother in a air raid ends up living with his aunt who doesn't treat him well runs away to London to find his dad who's in the army.I found it funny how he got to London without tickets and help with army friends made me laugh.its a great story loved the characters well written book.

Leeann says

This book was a GOODREADS GIVEAWAY. Thanks to Mr. Whelpton for personalizing the book he sent me! Billy is a very charming young boy of nine (almost ten) who continues to remain optimistic despite the sacrifices him and his family have had to make because of the war. When a desperate situation becomes worse, Billy takes matters into his own hands. Admirable considering he doesn't have a concrete plan while on his journey to find his Dad who is currently fighting in the war. Thankfully anything good that can happen did. Billy had many guardian angels along the way. A refreshing story that could have been told in a much darker light....I'm glad it wasn't.

Zoe Jussel says

I, and apparently many others, loved this Horatio Alger type story. The tremendous courage of a nine year old boy during wartime, tugs at your heartstrings and you find yourself cheering him on and wishing him nothing but the best. A gentle and easy read and I suppose many would say smarmy, but give me some smarm once in a while; it restores one's faith in mankind and fortitude.

Helen Lloyd says

I received this book in order for an honest review, so here goes.... I found the book to be charming and easy to read. The story of a young boy that despite enormous tragedy displays courage way beyond his years in the hunt for his father. Making many lifelong friends on his journey to find happiness and a family of his

own again.

Michael says

I loved it!

And I also loved the biography of the author. Two of my favorite friends are of that generation, and lived through the Blitz. They would have been about Billy's age, and they were sent to the country for safety's sake. Billy's story helped me understand what they went through, how it shaped them into the wonderful people they are today.

Marjorie says

Given To Me For An Honest Review

OMG, OMG, OMG!! This book that was written by Tony Whelpton is fabulous. It is about a young boy who loses his mum during a air raid attack and has his leg broken also. He is sent to live with an aunt and cousins. The arrangement is not ideal at all. He one day decides to go to find out about his father who has been gone for quite sometime fighting in the war. Off he goes. He finds and experiences one adventure after another. He meets people who end up as lifetime friends. After sometime he finds out that his father is alive but in France. Plans are then done to get him home. What happens then is truly amazing. This little boy who had thought he lost everything in the end finds his Dad and ends up with a Mum too. I highly recommend this book to all. It is a book that once you begin reading it you will not be able to put it down. I only wish I could give it 10+ stars.

MRS S A CORNEW says

Brilliant

This is a great book. I felt as if I shared Billie's journey with him through the words of the author. Would recommend to anyone who likes easy reading that gets your emotions going

robin williams says

Good wishes story

It was a nice story that was of wishful thinking not so realistic. I think it was the hopefulness of what things should be and not of what was actual that makes it pleasant.

Rose-Billie Canter says

Thank you, Tony Whelpton

Although I had purchased Billy's War (WWII in England) a while ago, I didn't start reading it until last evening. By this afternoon, I had finished reading the book, and returned to the Amazon site to purchase Mr. Whelpton's continuation of Billy's War, There's No Pride In Prejudice. I was more moved by this book than many other better known books about the same topic. It is truly a gem, and one that deserves a wide readership! Again, thank you, Tony Whelpton!

marilyn menear says

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This is a very good read...it kept me interested throughout. I love the time period of WWII, because my father was enlisted then. A bit predictable near the end of the book, but still a very good book to read.

Alicia says

I absolutely loved this book. Such a wonderful tale of a young boy's coming of age during WWII. Billy is such a wonderful character and the people he meets along the way to finding his father are such well developed characters in a well developed story.

From the beginning the reader is pulled into the novel and feels truly a part of Billy's life. The reader is fully engaged throughout the novel and feels a part of the ups and downs and twists and turns of Billy's young life.

The author writes with great detail and crispness in regard to the plot, the characters, and the issues faced during WWII. This is a novel I couldn't put down once I started reading. I highly recommend it to any and all readers (teens to adults). In my opinion, it is a definite must read.

craig simpson says

Insight to another time and place

Beset by the cruelties of war and the kindness of strangers, this book gives you insight to a very hard to imagine time of wartime U.K. The adventures are completely believable. Surely many experienced similar things.

Howard Katzoff says

Absolutely fabulous!!

My goodness--this was a phenomenal adventure for a 9 year old boy who was on his own and used his skills to not only survive but thrive. I've never read a story that had me glued to the pages with so much emotion. Fabulous characters-high adventure-great bravery and a marvelous ending. Do your self a favor and read this book.
