



From Flames to Freedom: Faith Rides the Rails

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Dog Ear Publishing, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 228 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The World War II memoir, based on a Latvian girl's diaries, recounts experiences from her sunny childhood on the Baltic Sea to being catapulted into the turmoil of the Soviet and Nazi occupations. She is an eyewitness as people are deported in cattle cars to Siberia and Jewish children are marched to their graves by Hitler's SS men. Her childhood is engulfed in flames when her home and dreams turn to ashes and she becomes a refugee riding freight trains to Displaced Persons camps in Austria. Disguised as gypsies, the family flees to the British Zone to escape deportation to Siberia. The unbiased account from a child's perspective relates how her family's faith, courage, love, and resiliency allows them to rise above despair, hunger, hard labor, and invading armies to start over again. With God as a traveling companion, their wanderings lead to a new homeland where new trials await. This is not the typical wartime story of bloodshed that leaves a damaged psyche. Though experiencing loss of home, friends and relatives,...

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