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What is the name of the thing that goes around a horse's head to control them?	A bridle	77
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How did Miss Smith define 'freedom'?	The right to make decisions about yourself and about your life.	84

How did Becky know Colonel McPherson?	He was one of Becky's foxhunting friends.	87
What did Miss Smith say 'victory' meant?	peace	87
When did the regular village students attend school?	From 8 till noon.	88
When did the evacuees attend school?	From one in the afternoon till five.	88
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Who was riding the horse and got thrown off when it was frightened by the plane?	The iron-faced girl	95
What is a bad English swear word?	bloody	95
What did the girl thrown off the horse think she broke that her mom once broke while hunting?	her collarbone	95
How did Ada feel when she jumped over the wall on the big brown horse?	like she was flying	97
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What is a foal?	A baby horse	101
What is a farrier?	a person who takes care of horses feet.	101
Who took care of the Thorton's horses?	Grimes	101
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What did Susan Smith think when Ada told her she rode double with Margaret Thorton on one of Jonathan Thorton's prize hunters back to her home?	That she was lying	107
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What did Lady Thornton tell Ada she needed in order to train a stubborn pony?	persistence	109
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What age did most children leave school to work?	fourteen	112
How was Susan Smith able to attend a boarding school?	Her father was a clergyman, and some schools offered scholarships to the bright daughters of clergymen.	112
What is a clergyman?	A vicar - a man who runs a church	112
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Why did they have 'blackouts' in England?	So the Germans wouldn't be able to see where any of the cities or villages were and bomb them.	118
What machine did Susan get out for the blackout that she hadn't used since Becky died?	her sewing machine	118
What kind of material did Susan love that Ada said she hated?	velvet	118
What did Miss Smith notice on Jamie?	A welt on his wrist	120
What did Ada think about tableclothes?	That it was a waste of cloth to dress up tables	123
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Why did the teacher want to stop Jamie from using his left hand?	She believed it was the mark of the devil.	125

Who did Susan Smith say Dr. Henry Leighton Goudge was?	Her professor of Divinity at Oxford.	125
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In what year did Susan Smith graduate from Oxford?	1931	127
What was the reason Ada gave for using her right hand to eat?	It felt better.	127
Where did the fear of left handedness originate?	In the Bible the good people stand on God's right, and the bad people stand on the left before they get cast into hell.	127
What did Susan Smith study at Oxford?	maths	127
What was the most honest thing anyone had ever said to Ada?	When Ada said her Mam hated her, Susan said, "I don't want to tell you a lie, and I don't know the truth"	129
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Why did everyone have to get identity cards?	So if the Germans invaded, the government could tell who was German and who was English by asking to see their identity cards.	131
What was the only language other than English that Susan Smith knew?	Latin	131
What is a 'dead language'?	A language no one speaks anymore.	131
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What did the kids in Jamie's class do when he said he didn't know his birthday?	They laughed at him.	133
What invitation did Ada receive for October 7th?	tea with Stephen White and his colonel.	136

Why did Miss Smith say Ada didn't need to worry about Colonel McPherson staring at her foot?	He had gone blind.	138
How did Ada describe 'dressing gowns' (robes)?	Coats you put on over your pajamas in winter when you weren't in bed.	138
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What did Grimes say ponies' hooves were like?	humans fingernails	146
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What did Grimes tell Ada to call him?	Fred	148
Why did Grimes say saddles and bridles needed to be oiled?	Leather dries out and is ruined if it's dry too long.	148
How many horses did the Thortons have?	thirteen.	148
What did Ada help Grimes do?	give grain, hay, and water to the horses	148
What did Grimes say were used to fix club feet on horses?	special shoes	148
What happened when Ada tried to ride Butter home after helping Grimes?	She got lost	148
What was like seeing grass for the first time for Ada when she got lost?	Seeing the ocean.	151
What did Ada see from the top of the hill that helped her find her way back to Susan Smith's house?	The church spire.	151
What body of water was near Susan Smith's house?	The English Channel	153
What did Ada tell Susan she had done to Butter?	crippled him	153

What navy battleship was torpedoed by a German submarine and sank?	The Royal Oak	156
Where was the Royal Oak when it was torpedoed and sank?	Anchored off the coast of Scotland	156
How many men died on the Royal Oak?	833 men	156
What part of the movie at the theatre upset Ada?	The newsreel	158
Why did Ada, and Jamie have to start going to church on Sundays?	Jamie's teacher still thought he had the devil in him.	158
What did Jamie get in trouble for in church?	kicking the pews	158
What are pews?	benches in church	158
What did Susan say about churches?	Churches and her didn't agree.	158
What Susan say being 'redeemed' meant?	Changing her evil ways and regaining her heavenly crown.	158
What did Susan and Ada have in common in regard to their parents?	Neither of their parents liked them.	158
What is it called when a horse goes faster than a trot?	galloping	161
What happened when Ada tried to get Butter to jump over the wall?	He stopped in front of it, and she went flying over it.	161
What did Grimes do for Ada in exchange for helping him two days a week?	Watch her ride and help her.	161
What does it mean to post to the trot?	Rising and falling smoothly to the motion of the horse trotting	163
What did Susan say when Ada declined Stephen White's second invitation to tea?	Idiot girl.	163
What did the government send tons of in the mail during the war?	pamphlets with instructions about gas masks and other things	163
Why did the government want people to give them their excess pots and pans?	So they could make plnes out of them.	163
Why were the German submarines such a big problem?	England couldn't grow enough food--most was shipped from other countries--and the German subs tried to blow up any ships coming in or out of the harbors.	165

Why did school get better for Jamie in November?	So many children had returned to London, Jamie's teacher left, and his new teacher didn't mind him using his left hand.	165
What did Lady Thorton want Susan to join?	The WVS (Women's Volunteer Service)	165
What did Lady Thorton want Susan to do for the WVS?	Sew bed jackets for soldiers.	165
Why didn't Susan want to join the WVS?	She thought the other women in the village didn't like her.	165
What is an isolationist?	A person who doesn't support the war...someone who wants to stand apart and doesn't care about things.	165
Why couldn't Susan find a job when she first moved to the village with Becky?	Any positions she was qualified for were reserved for men.	167
What did Ada do after she thought she broke Susan Smith's sewing machine?	She slid under the bed into the corner and started to shake.	170
What did Ada actually do to Susan's sewing machine?	Broke the needle.	172
Why did Susan tell Ada she thought how nice it was to have someone to come home to again?	So she'd understand that she was glad she was there.	172-173
What did Jamie name the stray cat he brought home to Susan's house?	Bovril	174
What did the name 'Bovril' mean?	A hot drink	174
What is an 'onager'?	An animal from Swiss Family Robinson that were like donkeys.	174
What happened to Jamie as soon as he started sleeping with Bovril?	He stopped wetting the bed.	174
Why did Susan feel like it was worth it to have Bovril, the cat, living with them?	She didn't have to wash Jamie's sheets every day any more.	174
What did Fred Grimes find in the tack room for Ada to use on Butter?	A side saddle	179
What did Fred Grimes tell Ada about side saddles?	It was how all proper ladies used to ride back when straddling a horse wasn't thought to be ladylike.	179

How many men did England lose in the first World War?	three million	179
Why was there barbed wire fencing off the beach?	Mines (bombs) were planted in the sand in case of an invasion.	181
Why did Susan say Ada couldn't accept the sidesaddle as a gift?	It was too valuable.	181
What did Lady Thornton say about the side saddle?	It must have been her aunt's, and Ada could have it. She didn't want it and neither did Margaret.	181
What did Margaret (Maggie) want to do with Ada when she came home for Christmas holidays?	Go riding together.	181
What were the good things Ada remembered about living with her Mam in London?	Her Mam bringing home fish 'n' chips on Friday nights, wrapped in newspaper, and Mam singing and laughing.	183
What did the crack in the ceiling in their flat in London look like?	A man in a pointed hat.	183
How much taller were Ada and Jamie the second time Dr. Graham saw them?	Jamie was two inches taller, Ada was three inches taller.	185
Why didn't Ada mind her foot getting cold and numb?	When it was numb she couldn't feel it and it didn't hurt.	187
What did Susan call it when she cut up old clothes to make new ones?	"Make Do and Mend"	187
What did Susan's father think was a bad idea?	her going to the university	187
What did Susan make for Jamie to wear to church that used to be Becky's?	shorts from an old tweed skirt.	187
What did Susan make for Ada by sewing leather strips into the palms of mittens?	Riding mittens	189
What did a gang of boys build in Susan's back garden?	An Anderson shelter	189
What was an Anderson shelter?	Little tin huts that were supposed to be safe from bombs.	189
Why didn't Stephen White want to go back to London?	He said the colonel would die without him taking care of him.	191

What did Stephen White do for Colonel McPherson?	Cleaned his house up, cooked, and read books to him.	191
What did the trees do in the fall that upset Ada?	The leaves changed colors and fell off.	194
How did Susan compare the alphabet to buttons and hems in sewing?	You have to learn them before you can sew on the machine.	196
What did Susan write at the end of the alphabet for Ada to copy?	Ada is a curmudgeon.	196
What note did Ada write to Susan that made Jamie giggle?	Susan is a big frog.	196
What was Jamie fascinated with?	planes	196
What kind of planes did the pilots let Jamie sit inside of when they were parked on the airfield?	Spitfires	196
What did Mam always do on Christmas day?	Worked at the pub.	196
On what day did Becky always go hunting?	Boxing Day	198
Why didn't Fred Grimes come over for Christmas dinner?	He always went to his brother's house.	198
What did Ada always do when she rode Butter to the top of the hill?	Check for spies.	198
Why was Maggie (Margaret) irritated with Ada when she came home for Christmas break?	Ada hadn't written her back.	200
What reason did Ada give to Maggie for not wanting Susan's help?	She didn't want to get used to her. She was actually 'real'. She was temporary.	200
Why did the Thorton's cook quit?	To work in a factory.	202
What did Susan call the type of tree they cut down and brought home?	An evergreen.	204
What reason did Susan say was using evergreen trees for Christmas?	It reminds us that God is like an evergreen tree--even in winter, never dead.	204
What was the same about Jesus's birthday and Ada's & Jamie's birthdays?	No one really knew when they were.	204

Why did Susan start to cry and say they should make their own ornaments for the Christmas tree?	The ornaments she had in a box were the ones Becky and her put on their trees together and she wasn't ready to have them out again.	206
What did Ada tell Fred she needed when she rode Butter through the snow to the Thorton's house?	wool	208
How long had Fred Grimes' wife been dead when he gave her knitting bag to Ada?	Five years	210
What did Fred Grimes' wife do before she died?	She was nurse (nanny) to Miss Margaret and Master Jonathan and to their mom and her brothers.	210
Because it was Christmas Eve, what did they have at breakfast?	bacon	212
What did Susan make for Ada as a Christmas present?	A green dress.	212
Why couldn't Ada handle the beautiful green dress and Susan saying she looked beautiful?	She kept thinking of her Mam telling her she was ugly rubbish, filth, trash...	212
What did Ada find inside her Christmas stocking?	An orange, a handful of walnuts, boiled swets, two long hair ribbons (one green, one blue) and a shilling in the toe.	217
What did Jamie have inside his Christmas stocking instead of hair ribbons?	A whisle and an India rubber ball.	217
What book did Ada get for Christmas?	Alice in Wonderland.	219
What book did Jamie get for Christmas?	Peter Pan	219
What did Ada knit for Jamie for Christmas?	A scarf with lots of different colors	219
What did Ada knit for Susan for Christmas?	A white wool scarf	219
What did the three pilots who were Jamie's friends bring to Susan's house for Christmas?	A bottle of wine, a box of chocolates, and a potted plant.	219

What are Christmas crackers?	Tubes of paper that make a cracking noise when you pull the ends apart and toys fall out of them.	221
What started in January so people had enough food during the war?	rationing	224
What did people use to keep track of how much food they were allowed?	ration books	224
What is a 'char'?	The lowliest kind of cleaning lady.	224
Why didn't Susan ever want children?	You can't have children without being married, and she never wanted to be married.	224
What book did Maggie loan to Ada?	Alice's Adventures Through the Looking Glass	225
What did they need Ada's Mam's permission for?	To do a medical operation to fix Ada's foot.	229
What did Ada write in the letter to her Mam?	"Dear Mam, please let them fix me"	231
What was written on the envelope that came back to Susan's house from London?	"Return to Sender - No longer at this address"	233
What was Ada used to having on her feet and hands in the winter?	chilblains	237
heatre but let Ada stay in the lobby during the newsreel?	The Wizard of Oz	237
What kinds of boats had sunk 56 ships in January?	German U-boats	239
What kinds of ships were most of the ones sunk by U-boats in January?	cargo ships bringing food and supplies to England.	239
How many ships did the Germans sink in February?	fifty-one	239
How old was Maggie?	twelve	240
What was going to be planted in the Victory Garden?	potatoes, turnips, carrots, brussels sprouts and peas.	240
What had Susan planted in the dirt covering their Anderson shelter?	lettuce	240
Where was Jonathan sent after finishing his pilot's training?	Stratford RAF base, north of London	242

Why was Lady Thorton so worried about Jonathan being a pilot in the war?	All three of her brothers were pilots that died in World War I.	242
What happened to Lady Thorton's two other sons?	They died of typhoid when they were small.	242
What book did Susan give to Ada and sign, "To Ada with love, April 5, 1940"?	The Wind in the Willows	242
What did Susan give to Ada that she put on her windowsill?	A little carved wooden pony	244
What countries did Hitler invade in the spring?	Norway, Denmark, Holland, and Belgium	244
Who became prime minister of England in the spring?	Winston Churchill	244
What were the government's seven rules for English people?	1) Do not waste food 2) Do not talk to strangers 3) Keep all information to yourself 4) Always listen to government instructions and carry them out. 5) Report anything suspicious to the police 6) Do not spread rumors 7) Lock away anything that might help the enemy if we are invaded.	244
What were spies called?	fifth columnists	244
How many ships were sunk in March?	twenty-six	244
How many ships were sunk in April?	ten	244
How did the soldiers at the airfield help Jamie stop wetting the bed again?	They said children were better than adults at noticing things, and Jamie should act like a soldier and be a good lookout and report if he saw something unusual.	246
What did the government ask all men who weren't already in the army to become?	Local Defence Volunteers	246
How old was Stephen White?	thirteen	246
Why didn't Stephen White really want to join the Local Defence Volunteers?	Taking care of Colonel McPherson was a full time job.	246
What did the Local Defence drill with instead of rifles?	broomsticks	246

What war had the colonel fought in and had guns from that were rusty?	The Boer War	246
What had no one realized about England's onions?	They were all imported, and they took a long time to grow from seed.	246
What country did Hitler invade in the middle of May?	France	249
How many soldiers did the British Army have stationed in France?	370,000	249
Where had the ship come from that docked in the village with wounded soldiers?	Dunkirk	249
What does 'strafed' mean?	Shot from above by an airplane	249
Where is Dunkirk?	It's a port in France.	249
Why did the government ask people to donate small boats to help in Dunkirk?	It was too shallow for big ships to get close and rescue soldiers.	249
Why did 'war sausages' taste weird?	They were mostly oatmeal.	251
What did Ada see as a lie in the newsreels they showed at the theatre?	The soldiers were smiling and upbeat. In real life, they were dead, dying, sick or starving.	251
Where did men carry the injured soldiers to in the village?	The town hall where Ada and Jamie had waited to be chosen.	251
What happens to people that are horribly injured?	They lose control of their bowels.	251
What did Ada do in the town hall to help?	She gave water and tea to the soldiers.	253
What was the publican's daughter's name that helped Ada give water to soldiers?	Daisy	253
What happened when Ada went to get Daisy to write a letter for a soldier?	The soldier died.	255
What did Winston Churchill call it when 330,000 British soldiers were saved from Dunkirk?	England's finest hour	257
How was the 'after Dunkirk' version of Ada different from the 'before-Dunkirk' version?	She was stronger and less afraid. She had persisted.	257

What were the islands Guernsey and Jersey part of?	The Channel Islands	259
Which part of England was the village Susan Smith lived in?	Kent	259
How close was Hitler to Kent after invading the Channel Islands?	thirty miles	259
Who did the government send to take the place of enlisted male farm workers, helping with the farming?	Land Girls	261
Where did the Land Girls live?	In the old stable boys' apartments	261
What strange thing did Susan's mother iron when she was a little girl?	Susan's shoelaces	263
When was the first air raid in Kent?	The second week of July	266
What freaked Ada out about being inside the Anderson shelter?	The way it smelled reminded her of Mam's cabinet under the sink.	268
What did Susan do to change the smell of the Anderson shelter?	Bought aromatic herbs - rosemary, lavender and sage - and hung them in the shelter.	268
Who did Hitler figure out he would have to conquer before he could land his invading army?	The Royal Air Force.	268
What was the difference between England's and Germany's air forces?	Germany had more planes and pilots, but their fighter planes had shorter ranges than England's.	268
How far could the German planes fly before they needed to turn around for more fuel?	To the southeastern corner of England.	270
What were Germany's main targets to bomb?	The airfields.	270
What did Susan read to Ada and Jamie by the light of a candle inside a flowerpot?	Peter Pan, A Secret Garden, and the Wind in the Willows.	272
Why did men remove all the sign posts in Kent?	So when Hitler invaded, he wouldn't know where he was.	272
What were people instructed to do with their radios when Hitler invaded?	Bury them.	272

What did Fred Grimes call the Germans?	Bloody hunns	272
Why did the Land Girls staying in the loft annoy Fred Grimes?	They worked 12 hours a day and then went out dancing.	272
What kind of plane was shot down in a hops field?	A Messerschmidt	274
What did Ada see heading for the barbed wire sections of the beach?	A man in a row boat with a suitcase and a rucksack on his back.	274
What did Ada see the man do with the suitcase after he landed his rowboat on the beach?	He buried it.	276
What did Ada say to the man at the police station when he stared at her foot?	"My bad foot's a long way from my brain"	276
What did Ada point out that made the police arrest the German spy?	His trouser cuffs were wet and full of sand - no one went on the beaches anymore.	278
Why did the police come to Susan's house to get Ada?	So she could help them by pointing out where the buried suitcase was on the beach.	278
According to the saying, what do "loose lips" do?	sink ships.	281
What did the police officer that didn't believe Ada give to her when he apologized to her?	an onion	281
What was inside the suitcase the German spy buried on the beach?	A radio transmitter to send coded messages across the channel.	282
What did the RAF men at the airfield bring Ada for catching the German spy?	chocolate	282
What did the WVS give to Ada for catching the German spy?	A whole bag of sugar	282
How were people in England supposed to eat potatoes?	With the skin on them.	283
What did Ada wish she had done when the three pilots had come over on Christmas?	Learned their names.	283

What did Winston Churchill say about the English air force pilots?	"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few"	283-286
What did Fred Grimes find on the edge of one of the wheat fields and give to Ada to bring home for Jamie?	A small piece of a damaged German plane.	286
What did Ada see when she got back to Susan's house carrying a piece of a Messerschmidt?	Mam	286
How did Mam look when she recognized Ada?	outraged	288
Why was Mam upset about Susan taking care of Ada and Jamie?	The government said she had to pay 19 shillings a week.	288
Why did Jamie say he didn't want to take his book, Swiss Family Robinson, and Ada agreed that he didn't want it?	It would be worse for them if they took gifts home from Susan's.	290
Why did Ada go with her Mam back to London?	She couldn't leave Jamie.	292
What did Mam say when Ada said she could walk?	"Not for long"	293
Why did Mam move?	to be closer to the factory where she now worked.	293
What were the riding pants called that Ada wore to ride?	Riding jodphurs	294
What did Ada say posh ladies wore to ride horses?	riding habits	294
What happened when Ada told Mam "There's nothing much wrong with me. My foot's a long way from my brain"?	She slapped her and knocked her backward.	294
What did Mam not realize about Ada when they got back to London?	Ada had become a strong fighter.	299
What happened the morning after Mam, Ada, and Jamie got back to London?	Jamie wet the bed.	300
What mistake did Jamie make when he told Mam about the shelter they hid in when the bombs came?	He called Susan's house 'home'.	300
What was Ada's full name?	Ada Maria Smith	302
What was Ada's real birthday?	13-May-29	302

What did Mam tell Ada about her father?	He was the one that wanted babies and always rocked her and sang to her.	304
What did Mam say when Ada told her she could get rid of Ada and Jamie without having to pay anything?	"Is that a promise?"	306
What was Jamie's real birthday?	November 29, 1933.	307
What was Ada's and Jamie's father's name?	James.	307
What was the headline on the newspaper clipping that told how Ada's and Jamie's father had died?	Accident at Royal Albert Dock Kills Six.	307
How old were Ada and Jamie when their dad died?	Ada was four, and Jamie was a tiny baby.	307
Who looked like a very determined witch?	Susan after the bombs fell in London and she was looking for Ada and Jamie.	310
How did Susan find the new apartment where Ada and Jamie were living in London?	Their Mam left her letters behind with the address on it.	312
In spite of the rules, why did Susan know she should have kept Ada and Jamie?	They belonged to her.	312
What happened to Susan's house while she was in London looking for Ada and Jamie?	A German bomb fell on it and destroyed it.	313
What did Ada mean when she said "So now we're even" to Susan?	Susan had saved Ada's and Jamie's lives, and then they saved hers because she would have died if she had been in her home when the bomb fell on it.	316