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A Child in Occupied Land.

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## Preface

### A Child in Occupied Land

“The Russians are coming!”

Set in East Germany and later in West Berlin, the novel is described entirely through the eyes of Ingrid, A Child in Occupied Land from an A Child in Occupied Land infant unable to A Child in Occupied Land comprehend war, to a little girl handling hardship and making the most of the little she has, and to a teenager struggling to face harsh realities of life.

Near the last days of World War II, three-year-old Ingrid hides in the asparagus fields that surround Beelitz, with her mother, sister and baby brother, from the advancing Soviet Army. After the battle A Child in Occupied Land for Beelitz, she sees destruction in her home town, tenders dying German and Russian soldiers then survives the occupation and accompanying starvation.

When her father returns from the disbanded German army, his politics clash with those of the emerging East German communist state, and when Ingrid is still only eight-years-old, he is forced to flee to West Berlin. Should her mother follow taking the children with her? If she does, will the family be any better off?

This is not a horror story of concentration camps, slave labour or annihilation of Jews, but a simple story of hope and determination in the face of severe deprivation, until, as she approaches adulthood, Ingrid departs from her occupied homeland.

*If the story does not exactly coincide with verified history, then A Child in Occupied Land I apologize, for, although this book is A Child in Occupied Land chronicled as a novel, the core of every incident is true but necessarily relies on memory.*

**Ingrid Walde**

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