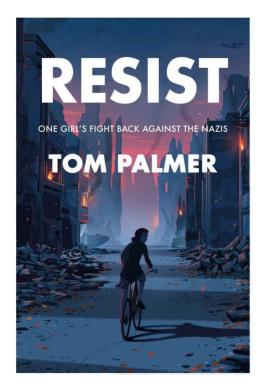
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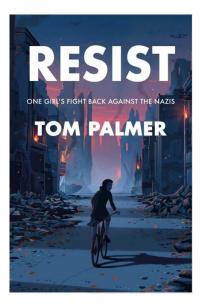
To accompany the children's book Resist by Tom Palmer



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### Cast

Dr 't Hooft	an older man with a motorbike	
Edda	a young girl	
Edda's Mother	an older lady	
First German Soldier	looks young	
Second German Soldier looks slightly older		
American Airman	with cuts on his mud smeared face	



Scene 1 In a front garden

#### Directions

(Edda's Mum and Edda are on the front step. Dr't Hooft enters the stage on his motorbike, stopping at the end of the garden path. Edda's Mum and Edda watch as the doctor takes off his helmet and approaches them on the front step.)

Dr 't Hooft May I speak to Edda alone?

(Edda looks at Edda's Mother who is alarmed)

(Edda's Mother looks at Edda, nods and steps back).

Edda's Mother Of course, doctor. Hospital business is between the two of you.

(Edda walks to the other side of the stage with 't Hooft)

Dr't Hooft (gently) I have something I would like to ask you to do. Before you agree, listen. I know what you said to me, but this is dangerous. I have not asked you to do something like this before. If it goes wrong, you and your mother and aunt and grandfather will suffer. All of you.

Edda

Scene 2 In the countryside

#### Directions

(Edda wearing an oversize coat, hiding extra clothes and a hunk of bread, walks out of the garden gate, down a lane towards a wood, past the remains of a crashed American plane being guarded by 2 armed German soldiers. Edda skips past them and enters the wood. She waits and then creeps into the woods. She hides when she is startled by a crow flapping in the tree and then smells cigarette smoke and finds the American pilot on his ripped uniform. His hair is slicked back and he points his gun at her.)

Edda (whispers) Put out your cigarette. The Germans will smell it for miles. You might as well be waving an American flag.

(American Airman carries on smoking but puts gun down)

American Airman Are you serious?

Edda Very. If they smell your cigarette, they'll know you're here. German cigarettes smell sour. Yours is different. It gives you away. They will smell it on the other side of the forest.

(American Airman nods and stubs it out)

American Airman I'm sorry

(Edda holds the bundle of clothes out in front of her)

Edda These clothes are for you

American Airman I'm sorry about the cigarette. I didn't think

(Edda drops the package of clothes, food and water)

Edda Here.

(American Airman's hands tremble. He stares at Edda)

American Airman You're just a kid

(Edda sees his trembling hands)

Edda Where's your parachute? I need to hide it."

American Airman I buried it back there. It's hidden. Don't worry.

Edda

Good.

American Airman What now?

Edda We have people in the village who will come to meet you tonight, take you to a safe house, then on to Spain. Then England. Change into the clothes I've given you and I will dispose of your uniform.

American Airman You're English?

(Edda turns away from the airman)

(American Airman starts to remove his jacket. He winces).

Edda Stop asking me questions. You don't need to know anything about me. And look, are you injured? I need to know so I can report it to those who are going to help you.

(American Airman shakes his head.)

American Airman Just a strain. A few scratches. Nothing broken. I can walk. But how is it they have sent a girl to help me? Have you run out of men to fight the war?

(Edda turns round to face the airman. Edda looks cross)

Edda Yes. We use girls now because they get on with the job and don't sit around gossiping.

(American Airman laughs. American Airman winces again)

Edda

(American Airman looks ashamed and holds out the hunk of bread she'd given him before picking up his flying kit.)

American Airman	You have some? You look like you've not eaten in weeks."	
Edda	It's for you. I have to go. Good luck.	
(Edda smiles and makes to leave)		
American Airman (quietly)	Thank you	

#### Scene 3

At the edge of the woods

## Directions

(Edda is walking. She hides the airman's flying kit under a rock in the stream that ran south. She picks a bunch of purple flowers. She leaves the wood and stops to breathe in relief. She walks briskly on along a lane.)

(First German Soldier enters)		
First German Soldier	Halt!	
(First German Soldier clicks his riffle)		
First German Soldier nervously	ID	
(First German Soldier tries to look fierce)		
(Edda shows him her ID card. Edda	a tries to smile)	
(Second German Soldier enters aiming a rifle at Edda)		
Second German Soldier	What are you doing here?	
(Edda's knees buckle and she breathes in deeply)		
Edda	Flowers	
Second German Soldier	What?	
(Distant noises of aircraft high above them and gunfire from the city)		
Edda She likes woodland flowers.	For my mum. She is sick. They are for her bedside.	
(Edda holds out the flowers in front of her)		
Edda like some flowers?	But you can take them for your mother. Would she	
(Second German Soldier's face drops and he looks sad)		
Second German Soldier seen her for	No. Thank you. My mother is in Cologne. I have not	

#### (Second German Soldier looks at the ground)

Second German Soldier ... Please go on. Take the flowers to your mother. I apologise.

Edda (kindly)Thank you. I hope you get to see your mothersoon.

Second German Soldier ... Thank you. I hope so too.

Edda walks fast down the lane and exits.

Scene 4 In a front garden

#### Directions

(Edda's mother paces back and forth, wringing her hands) (Edda enters the garden and approaches her mother)

Edda's Mum	You're back. Did you have a nice walk?
Edda	I brought you these,

(Edda hands her mum the flowers).