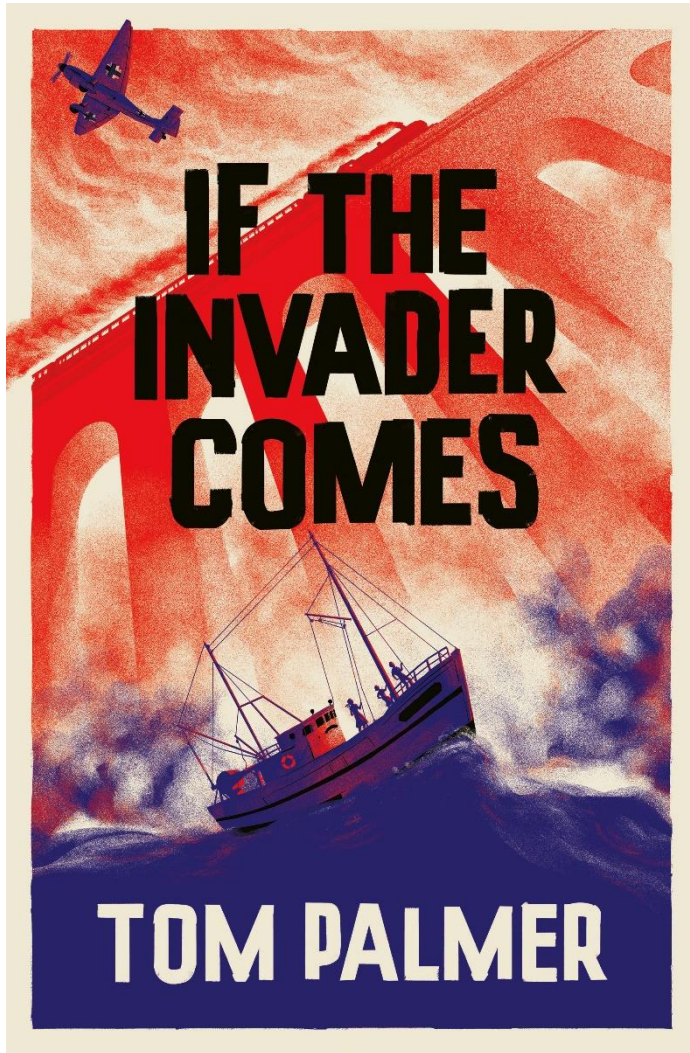


# *If the Invader Comes* by Tom Palmer out May 2026

**Cover Prediction Worksheet** – if you've not read the book, there are no right or wrong answers, so just let your own imagination go!



1. Who do you think is flying the plane in the sky? Be as descriptive as you can

2. Can you spot the passenger steam train crossing a viaduct bridge made of a series of arches? Where do you think the train is going to?

3. The children are standing on a fishing boat. What other types of vessels can you name that move through water?

4. How would you feel if you were any of the characters on the cover? Why do you think this?

5. Who do you think would enjoy reading this book? Why do you think this?

Tom was inspired to name the book **If the Invader Comes** because of a real pamphlet produced by the British government at the start of the Second World War that was distributed by hand across the UK.

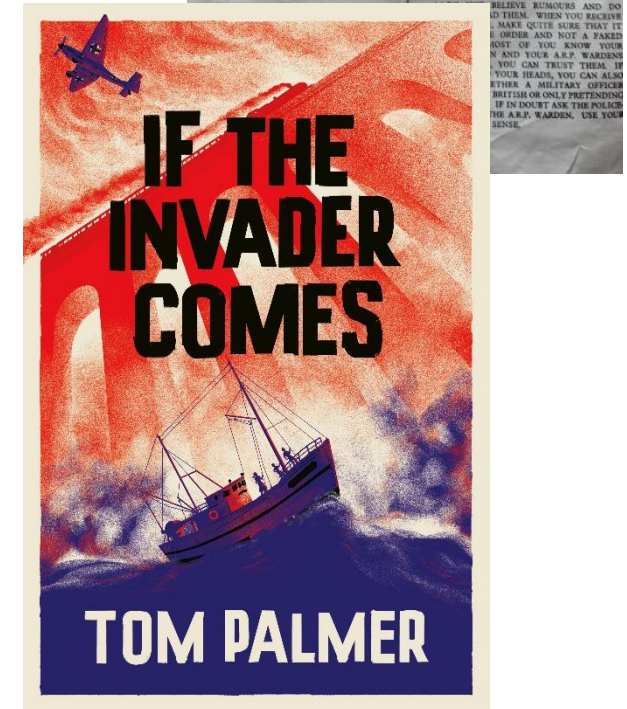
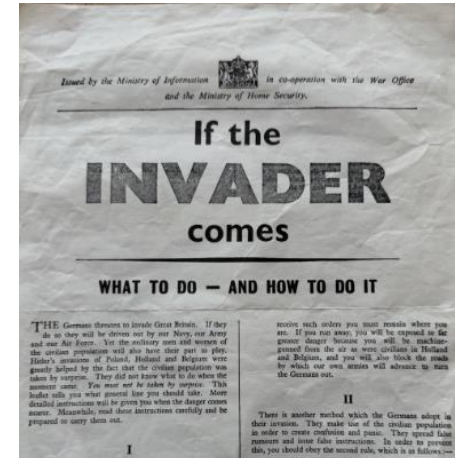
**What methods might a government today use to get important messages out to the public?**

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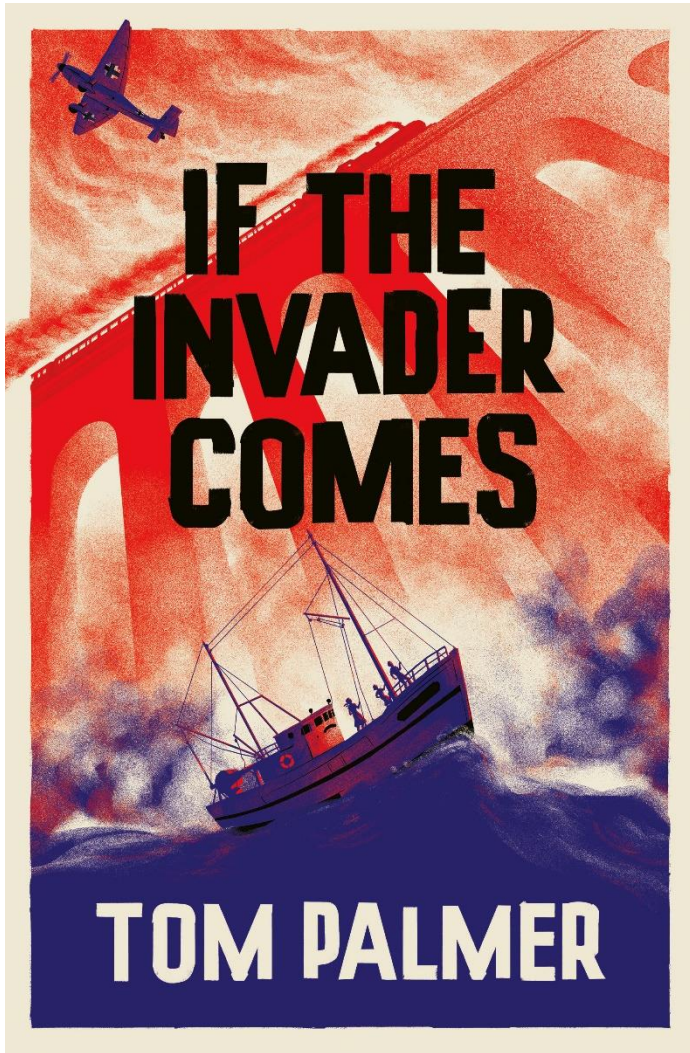
In the event of an invasion, the British government advised people to do things like hide bicycles (so an enemy could not use them) and remove street direction signage (to confuse the enemy).

**What 3 acts to prepare might you recommend people take today to obstruct or confuse an enemy?**

1
2
3



What are your predictions about how this story develops?



My predictions about the story ...

What makes me think this?

Now write a short paragraph about how you think the story might end.