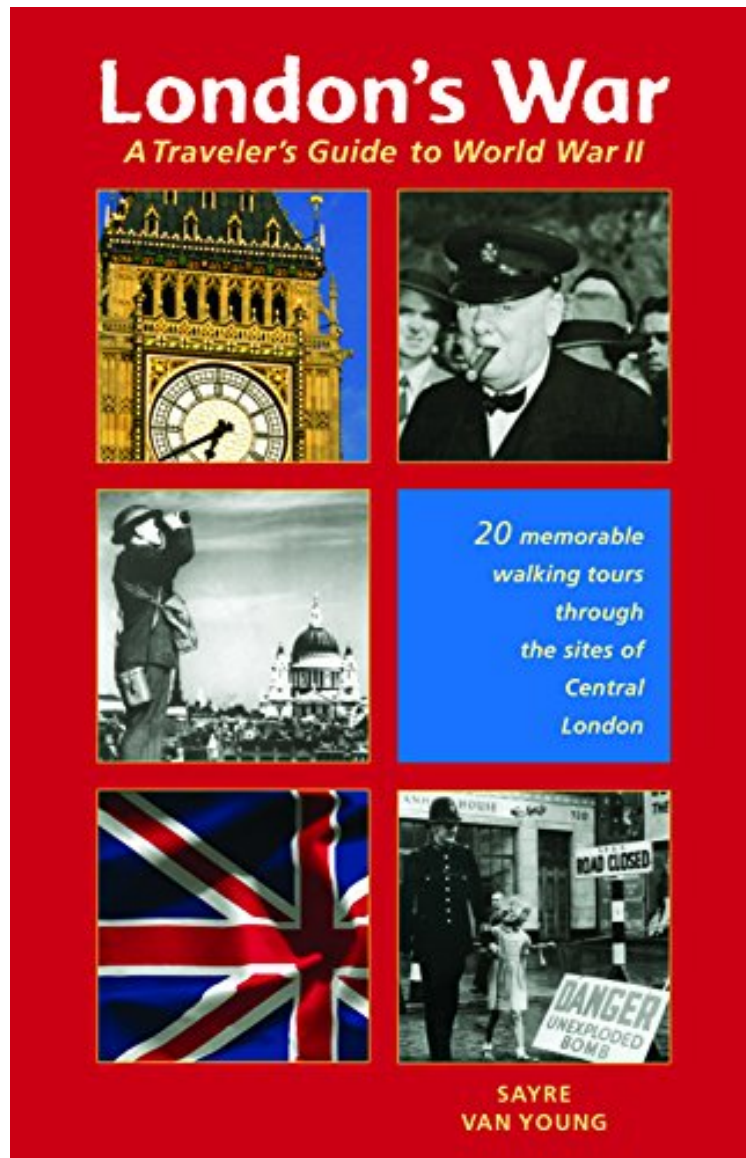


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A unique guide to the history and still-visible reminders of London's heroic resistance, London's War is the first guidebook to explore the sights and attractions related to World War II and London's Home Front. Organized as 20 walking tours of central London and one driving tour of greater London, this guide describes, and often pictures, famous landmarks as they were during the Blitz - Westminster Abbey piled with sandbags, Parliament Square strung with barbed wire, the wax figures at Madame Tussaud's melted in the streets, the Tower of London's moat planted in onions and carrots. In addition to detailed maps that guide the traveler along each tour, London's War is filled with biographical bits, topical information, and cultural references that relate the wartime experiences of famous and regular people alike. It quotes the war-related writing and speeches of great authors including Virginia Woolf, George Orwell, and many others. Written with an appreciation for the triumph of the human spirit that defines London's courageous efforts during the war, the book leads travelers on an uplifting and inspiring journey.

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