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In the midst of the brutal conflict of World War II, a harrowing tale of courage, resilience, and hope unfolded on the high seas. The sinking of the passenger ship SS City of Benares in September 1940 claimed the lives of hundreds of passengers, including many children who were being evacuated from Britain to safety in Canada.

Among the survivors were two siblings, 11-year-old John and 6-year-old Barbara Ayling. Separated from their parents in the chaos of the sinking, the children found themselves alone and adrift in a lifeboat. With no food or water, they faced starvation and dehydration.

But John and Barbara refused to give up. They huddled together for warmth and comfort, and they rationed their meager supplies of seawater to stay alive. Days turned into nights, and still they clung to hope.

Meanwhile, back in Britain, their parents were frantic with worry. They had no way of knowing if their children had survived the sinking, and they feared the worst. As days turned into weeks, their hope began to dwindle.

However, on the 25th day after the ship had sunk, a miracle occurred. The lifeboat carrying John and Barbara was spotted by a British naval vessel. The children were rescued, exhausted and malnourished, but alive.

The story of John and Barbara Ayling's survival is an incredible testament to the human spirit. Their courage, resilience, and hope in the face of adversity is an inspiration to us all.

In this gripping account, John Ayling shares his firsthand experience of the sinking of the SS City of Benares and the extraordinary ordeal he and his

sister endured at sea. Through his vivid descriptions and poignant reflections, readers will gain a deep understanding of the horrors of war and the extraordinary power of the human will to survive.

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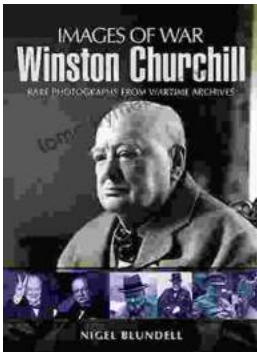
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