

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe is set in England during World War II (1939-1945). Very early in the war, England's main ally, France, was forced to surrender to Germany (the enemy). England was left to fight-on alone. (The United States had not yet entered the war and would not do so for another 2 years.)



Germany tried to force England out of the war by conducting air raids (attacks by planes) against England's major cities and industrial centers. This bombing "blitz" lasted for almost a year. During this time, children were evacuated (sent away) from the cities to safer places in the countryside. Many parents worked at jobs that were necessary for the war effort. Because their parents needed to stay in the cities to work, children were often sent off by themselves to live with strangers.

The children in the story have been evacuated from their home in London and sent to live with a Professor (college teacher) who has a large house in the country. It is while they are staying with the Professor that the children have the adventure that we are going to read about.