

REMEMBERING TO LAUGH WHEN THINGS WERE BAD  
WAS WHAT MAMA DID BEST.

**BAMSE IS USED TO DRAMA:** his mother is a famous actress, and his best friend, Anton, is one of the most daring boys in Denmark. When German troops invade, Bamse knows he should be afraid, but he doesn't know what he should be afraid of. The Germans? The British? The French?

Bamse is also unsure what to do. Should he take his father's advice and not stir up trouble? Or should he follow his brother into the Resistance and take part in the most demanding role of his life?

Sandi Toksvig brings to life the Nazi occupation of Denmark and the courage of ordinary Danes in this tale of daring rescue. Inspired by her father's life, this gripping story is told with humor and heart.

"Through the voice of twelve-year-old Bamse, Toksvig mixes in a sardonic humor that adds spice and comic relief to a story about a very perilous and frightening time." —*School Library Journal*

"Though such suspenseful episodes will thrill readers, it is Bamse's growing courage and deepening understanding that drive the story." —*Booklist*

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**SANDI TOKSVIG** says, “There are hundreds of personal stories from the Second World War. My father shared his with me, and I have taken his tales and turned them into one of my own. This is fiction inspired by fact, but it contains the vital lesson my father taught me—in the rescue of the Danish Jews, not all the Germans were bad and not all the Danes were good. There were just some good people and some bad people, and it wasn’t always easy to tell the difference.”

Born in Copenhagen, Denmark, where she still spends her vacations, Sandi Toksvig now lives in Britain. The author of many books for children and adults, Sandi has regular columns in magazines and newspapers. She is also an award-winning broadcaster and the host of Britain’s most popular radio show, *The News Quiz*, a satirical take on the week’s news. In 2014, Queen Elizabeth II made her an Officer of the British Empire for her services to broadcasting.

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