

## SYNOPSIS

### My Son the Enemy

The Weisman family are wealthy members of the Jewish community in Berlin – Germany. Isaac is head of the family with a wife, son, two daughters and three grandchildren. He is a loyal and patriotic German who refuses to leave his beloved Berlin when Hitler begins his persecution of the Jews in the 1930<sup>s</sup>, he is convinced that his enormous wealth and loyalty to Germany will withstand any intimidation from the Nazis.

Irene, the youngest daughter, is a widow who has agreed to allow her five year old son, Simon, to visit his Aunt Sarah in London for a long holiday until “The Hitler Problem Subsides.”

Sarah is married to John Lambert, a civil servant, who hates Jews, but accepts the boy knowing that he plans to convert him into a typical Englishman with a private school education, special tuition and have his name changed to Allan Lambert (“I want no Jews in my House”).

Brother Albert is married with two children and is so fearful of the Nazis he takes his family to Palestine for safety. He joins the terrorist STERN Gang who are fighting the occupying British army in order to create a new Jewish State to be called Israel. He becomes a ruthless killer following the death of his two daughters during a clash between Palestinians and British soldiers near their school.

Simon – now called Allan Lambert has been moulded into a typical English gentleman in looks, manner and stature. Now twenty years of age, he is a British army officer with no recollection of his original nationality, religion or family and is heading for the island of Cyprus to be responsible for clothing the survivors of the Nazis’ concentration camps now that World War Two has ended.

Prior to boarding the troopship his Aunt Sarah discloses the truth that his real name is Simon, he is a Jew and a German. For a number of reasons Allan decides to continue with his British identity.

By the end of the war and the creation of Israel, Isaac Weisman and his wife have both been murdered by the Nazis, their daughter, Irene, has survived the horror of a concentration camp and is now detained by the British army in a fortified camp on the island of Cyprus. She is a prisoner of the British and her son is a member of the force holding her, neither is aware of the other’s existence, even though on one occasion they actually touched each other. Uncle Albert (a hater of the British) is only a few miles away in Israel.

This story is a mixture of love, hate and a brutality from all sides that is difficult to comprehend. Ordinary people whose very existence was determined by the ambitions of men of evil. There was a circle of violence that enveloped and shattered one Jewish family who believed they were invincible.

The climax of the family reunion is so emotional, it overshadows all of their previous traumatic experiences.

**A major part of the story is based on truth.**