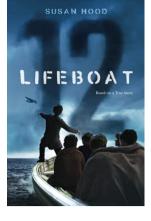
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Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.



What's It About?

With Nazis bombing London every night, it's time for thirteen-year-old Ken to escape. He suspects his stepmother is glad to see him go, but his dad says he's one of the lucky ones—one of ninety boys and girls to ship out aboard the SS City of Benares to safety in Canada. Life aboard the luxury ship is grand—nine-course meals, new friends, and a life far from the bombs, rations, and his stepmum's glare. And after five days at sea, the ship's officers announce that they're out of danger. They're wrong. Late that night, an explosion hurls Ken from his bunk. They've been hit. Torpedoed! The Benares is sinking fast, Terrified, Ken scrambles aboard Lifeboat 12 with five other boys. Will they get away? Will they survive?

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Who Wrote It?

Where I was born: Brooklyn, New York Where I went to college: Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts Where I got my first (real) job: Scholastic in New York City

Where I live now: A small town in coastal Connecticut

Little-known facts:

- Until I was 10, I had really long braids. Really long!
- My eyes are green, but most people think they're blue. They change, depending on the color I'm wearing.
- I was the youngest person in my hometown with a library card.
- My mom adored animals, so we always had parade of pets, two or three at a time. They were mostly dogs and cats, but also included fish, turtles, a parakeet, and rabbits.

Discover more facts about Susan on her amazing website: www.susanhoodbooks.com!



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