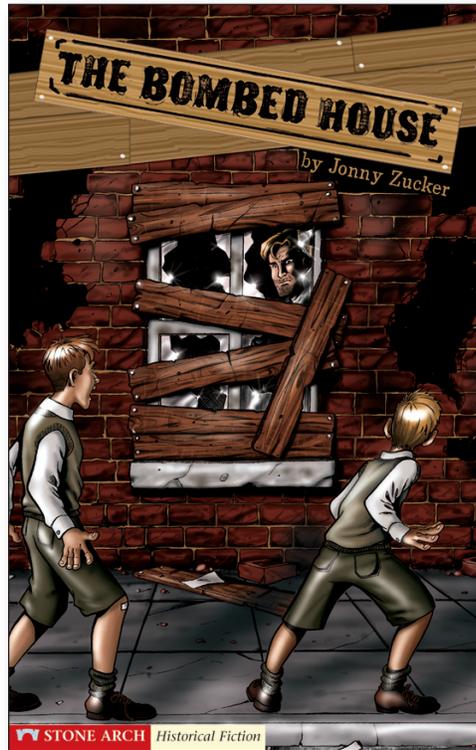




## READER'S THEATER



### **The Bomed House** **by Jonny Zucker**

**Characters:**     **Ned**  
                         **Harry**  
                         **Mr. Jennings**  
                         **Mrs. Jennings**  
                         **Narrator**

**Genre:**             **Historical Fiction**

**Ages:**              **10-15**

## The Bombed House page 1

- Narrator:** Ned and Harry Jennings lived in London during World War II. Many of the houses on their block had been bombed by German war planes. After a while, the boys got used to seeing lots of bombed streets and buildings. One day, the two brothers were standing in front of one of the bombed houses.
- Ned:** Harry, I heard a noise in there!
- Harry:** Don't be silly, Ned. There's nothing in there.
- Narrator:** They started to walk home, but Ned was sure he had heard something. Ned wanted to mention it at dinner.
- Harry:** Don't bother. You're making a big deal out of nothing.
- Narrator:** Ned did mention it to his father at dinner, but his father did not believe him.
- Mrs. Jennings:** Maybe he's right, Bill.
- Mr. Jennings:** I'll have some guys check it out. But I don't want you two boys anywhere near that house.
- Narrator:** On Saturday, the boys walked by the bombed house again. This time they saw a face in the window.
- Harry:** Ned, you were right! There is someone in there. We've got to find out who it is.
- Narrator:** The boys stepped into the house.
- Ned:** Careful. This place is scary.
- Harry:** And it's falling apart.
- Narrator:** Suddenly, the roof started to cave in.
- Ned:** Look out!
- Narrator:** They got out just in time.
- Ned:** Wow! We were lucky to not be buried alive.

## The Bombed House page 2

- Narrator:** When they got home, they told their father what had happened.
- Mr. Jennings:** You did what? I told you to stay away from there!
- Ned:** But, Dad! There's someone in that house!
- Mr. Jennings:** That's enough!
- Narrator:** The next day a woman with some papers came to the house and talked to the boys' parents.
- Mrs. Jennings:** They have found a family for you boys to stay with in the Lake District. You'll be staying with the Robinsons and you will leave early tomorrow morning.
- Harry:** Do we have to go?
- Mrs. Jennings:** Most of your friends are out in the country now. It's much safer than staying here in London with all the bombing going on.
- Narrator:** The boys knew they had to find out who was in the bombed house that night. It was their last chance.
- Ned:** Maybe Dad was right after all.
- Narrator:** Harry saw something in the cellar.
- Harry:** Did you see that?
- Narrator:** There was the sound of a gunshot and Ned felt an incredible pain in his left arm. Ned fell down the cellar steps.
- Ned:** Ahhh!
- Harry:** Ned!
- Narrator:** Harry jumped after Ned. Then their dad and some other men came.
- Harry:** Dad!
- Ned:** Dad!

## The Bombed House page 3

- Narrator:** When Ned fell down the steps he discovered an enemy soldier. The men carried the soldier away.
- Mr. Jennings:** Ned, your arm will be okay, but we need to get you to a hospital. You've just given me the scare of my life.
- Ned:** Who was the man in the cellar?
- Mr. Jennings:** He must have been the pilot of the plane that was shot down last week.
- Harry:** What will happen to him?
- Mr. Jennings:** He will be taken away and become a prisoner of war.
- Narrator:** Ned, Harry, and Mr. Jennings all went home.
- Mrs. Jennings:** I heard gunshots. What's going on, Bill?
- Mr. Jennings:** Ned and Harry need to get their coats and go to the hospital.
- Mrs. Jennings:** Hospital?
- Mr. Jennings:** It's nothing to worry about. I am very proud of the boys.

**THE END**