

GALAHAD'S BOOK RECOMMENDATION IS:

An Elephant in the Garden by Michael Morpurgo

A thrilling and moving novel about an extraordinary animal caught up in a very human war, by the award-winning former Children's Laureate and author of War Horse.

Dresden, 1945. Elizabeth and Karli's mother works at the zoo, where her favourite animal is a young elephant named Marlene. Then the zoo director tells her that the dangerous animals – including the elephants – must be moved before the town is bombed. Unable to give Marlene up, their mother moves her into the back garden to save her... and then the bombs start to fall.

Their home destroyed, the whole family must flee the bombed-out city and through the perilous, snow-covered landscape, all the while avoiding the Russian troops who are drawing ever closer. It would be hard enough to do, without an elephant in tow...

