

TITLE: The Art of Keeping Cool

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ABOUT THIS BOOK:

Fear permeates the Rhode Island coastal town where Robert, his mother and sister are living out the war with his paternal grandparents. Fear of Nazi subs offshore. Fear of a German artist, Abel Hoffman living as a recluse out of town and for Robert, a more personal fear of his hot-tempered, controlling grandfather.

Robert Watches as hostility toward Hoffman builds and can't help but worry about his cousin Elliot's friendship with the artist. He also wonders more and more about the family secret everyone seems to be keeping from him, a secret involving Robert's father, a bomber pilot in Europe. Can Robert find his own way to deal with the shocking truth of his family's past?

YOU MIGHT LIKE THIS BOOK IF.... you enjoy stories about WWII, particularly how children dealt with the difficulties they faced during the war.