

## The Lost Ones

„Thank you“, said Arthur to the man at the entry of the Historisches Museum in Hanover. Arthur was on a trip through Germany. Here in Hanover he visited an exhibition about National Socialism. Arthur was looking at the showcases and suddenly he froze. There was a photo he knew very well. The photo showed his dad and his uncle Peter. His father always had this photo in his bedroom. Arthur went to the showcase and looked at the photo. Next to the picture he discovered a diary. He started to read.

### Monday

Today my brother Harry and my father James left Hanover and travelled to the UK. Dad doesn't feel safe in Germany because of Hitler. Me and mom will follow them but my mother has to say good bye to her old friends from her childhood. I'm very sad because I have to leave my friends.

### Friday

Today we tried to get out of Germany but Hitler closed the borders. I'm very scared about that. I want to go to my dad's house in the UK. Tomorrow we will travel to the sea and try to get out of Germany by ship.

Here the diary stopped. Arthur was very disappointed. He wanted to know the end of the story. Arthur wanted to know what happened to his father's lost brother. „Interesting story, right“, said a man next to him. Arthur answered: „Yes, I think it's about my family.“ „Eeeeerrrr...I think it's about my family too. I'm George Young. That's my father“ He pointed at the photo. „I'm Arthur Young. And the other man in the picture is my dad. Unbelievable, we are cousins!“ „Lets talk about that in the cafe of the museum.“

Arthur was taking a sip of his coffee: „So, tell me what happened to my uncle?“ George looked at him and answered: „My father and Julia stayed in Germany and survived National Socialism. They tried to find your father and grandfather but weren't able to. And what happened to your family?“ „My dad and his father went to Edinburgh. But they weren't able to make contact either. My father was very sad about that. Now my father is dead so they can't meet anymore.“ Arthur and George were silent for a while. They were both sad.

Then George said: „I'm happy that I know my cousin now. Let's stay in contact.“

Arthur answered: „Yes of course. Fortunately it's no problem in this time. I hope it stays that way.“