

IN MY HANDS 2 : THE LIGHTNING WAR

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1. Why was the summer after Irene's first year of school the last happy time she spent with her family?
2. What was the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact?

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3. In detail, describe what happens to Poland on 9/1/1939
4. Why does someone yell "Get down, you idiot! You're going to get yourself killed!"

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5. Describe the scene with the toddler.
6. Describe the scene at St. Mary's hospital.

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7. What news is learned from the Polish soldiers?
8. Explain this quote: "The carnage was staggering. Germany had claimed western Poland, chewed it up, and swallowed it in one gulp."
9. What is Irene most afraid especially since phone service is out?

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10. How does Irene find herself traveling with Polish Army?



11. Trace their escape route on map. What is the plan for the Wisła (vistula) river?

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12. Describe the metaphor of mice at a farm.

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13. Did their plan work on the river? Explain.

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14. What does Irene assume about the Red Cross trucks?

15. As they run away from attacking Germans, who do they head towards?