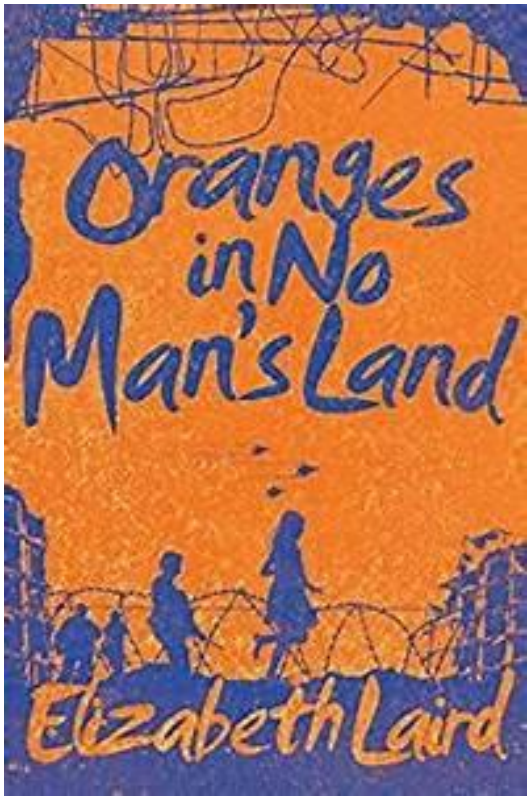
English Lesson 1



The Blurb

Ayesha lives in a battle-scarred building with her granny. Outside, a war is ripping the city apart – but Ayesha doesn't even know why the two sides are fighting.

Life gets even scarier when Granny's medicine runs out. So Ayesha takes matters into her own hands – and in her search for a doctor makes the forbidden journey across no man's land . . .

The Preface

I lived in Beirut during the civil war that raged in Lebanon thirty years ago. We stayed at first in a flat in the ruined centre of the city. There was no furniture. Some of the windows had been blown in, and lines of bullet holes ran round the walls of the bare sitting room. Our six-month-old son slept in a suitcase on the floor.

Thousands of refugees, fleeing the Israeli invasion of southern Lebanon, had found shelter in similar flats. They crammed in wherever they could, several families sharing each room.

Later, when we had a place of our own, we would watch the destruction of the city from our balcony, hearing the dull crump of the bombs and seeing billows of smoke rise from the buildings.

I took my son out for a daily walk. The soldiers on the checkpoints would put their guns down when they saw him and lift him up in their arms, reaching inside their camouflage fatigues for a sweet to put in his hand.

Once, when we were driving home, we realized that the streets were eerily empty. The market had been abandoned. A fruit stall had been knocked over, and bright golden oranges were still running down the street. The air crackled with the tension of the battle that was about to start.

It was these and other memories that inspired this book. When I wrote it, I didn't know that Lebanon would plunge back so soon into a nightmare. Caught up in that nightmare are children like Ayesha and Samar, whose lives political leaders so easily throw away.

Elizabeth Laird, 2006

English lesson 2





Geography



RE- Lesson 1

Luke 8: 19-21 19 Jesus' mother and brothers came to him, but were unable to join him because of the crowd. 20 Someone said to Jesus, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside and want to see you." 21 Jesus said to them all, "My mother and brothers are those who hear the word of God and obey it."
John 8: 31 31 So Jesus said to those who believed in him, "If you obey my teaching, you are really my disciples;
John 13: 35 35 If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples."
John 15: 15 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father.

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