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### **KING SOLOMON'S MINES**

Just a few days after my school (Morningside juniors) was completely demolished by a V2 rocket, and at that time, we the kids who had been going to that school had nowhere to go, and so instead of going to school we were going to play on the school bomb site.

Brick dust and mud everywhere we played cops and robbers cowboys and Indians hiding behind broken brick walls, everything kids did in those times of innocence and death.

Hiding behind a brick wall from my friends I accidentally knocked against the wall, brick dust cascaded down from the top of the wall revealing a dust covered book on the top of the wall on recovering this book and wiping the dust off of it I could just about read the book cover as my reading was OK it read "King Solomon's Mine " a name that I will never forget.

Tucking this book under my arm I ran home to show my mother what I had found . I kept this book for many years into adulthood, it was lost when I moved house in aprox 1996 it meant a lot to me.

This was my first grown up book that I ever owned, and once I had started reading it with a little help from my mum with the bigger words I found it very hard to put down.

Without doubt this book introduced me to reading books and improved my reading, but given a choice I would sooner had my old school and friends back again, as we were all sent to different schools a week later.