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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Wartime Scrapbook: From Blitz to Victory 1939-1945 By Shar Drennan Hats off to Mr. Opie for making history come alive in such a way that all ages can understand and even enjoy it. Wartime Scrapbook is one in a series of books compiled about specific periods in British history. Despite the fact it's about life during WWII, it's life presented in a way that is fascinating to both adults and young people without being dismal over the grislier aspects of war. That kind of book also has its place but this is daily life on the homefront; where every egg counted and "making do" is what they did; both creatively and effectively. I recommend

this book to anyone interested in that time period; even historians can glean insights into the way people lived, not just existed, under the cloak of war. This is done through many wonderful drawings, text, reproductions of ration books and other documents, and even groceries that housewives shopped for and toys that children played with. Truly a great look at the way the intrepid Brits made it through! Great for the collector or the curious. I recommend it highly. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Margaret H. Tedrick I just love this book and I had been looking for it for ages! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Like having your own museum of life in 1940s!. By sally tarbox (Reviewing 1995 edition, which has a different cover to one illustrated) Not a read so much as a visual extravaganza; every page of this large hardback is a collage of items from the era of World War 2 Britain. Assembled in subject order, they give the reader a real 'feel' for life as it was then: from the pages on 'Dig for Victory' (leaflets on gardening - seedpacks - a page from the Radio Times - a cute poster) to the double spread of kids' games and books ("Hang out your washing on the Siegfried line": the new blackout game - the Field Services Painting Book - Epics of the War jigsaw). Each topic has a little handwritten text to explain the items. As a female reader who has little interest in things military, I really liked this book, which focusses on life at home. A chance to reminisce for the older generation, a museum trip for the younger.

An extraordinary collection of wartime ephemera.

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