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A Flemish Belgian Boyhood and World War II

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One of twelve children in a close-knit, affluent Catholic Belgian family, Jan Vansina began life in a seemingly sheltered environment. But that cocoon was soon pierced by the escalating tensions and violence that gripped Europe in the 1930s and 1940s. In this book Vansina recalls his boyhood and youth in Antwerp, Bruges, and the Flemish countryside as Belgium was rocked by waves of economic depression, fascism, competing nationalisms, and the occupation of first Axis and then Allied forces.