

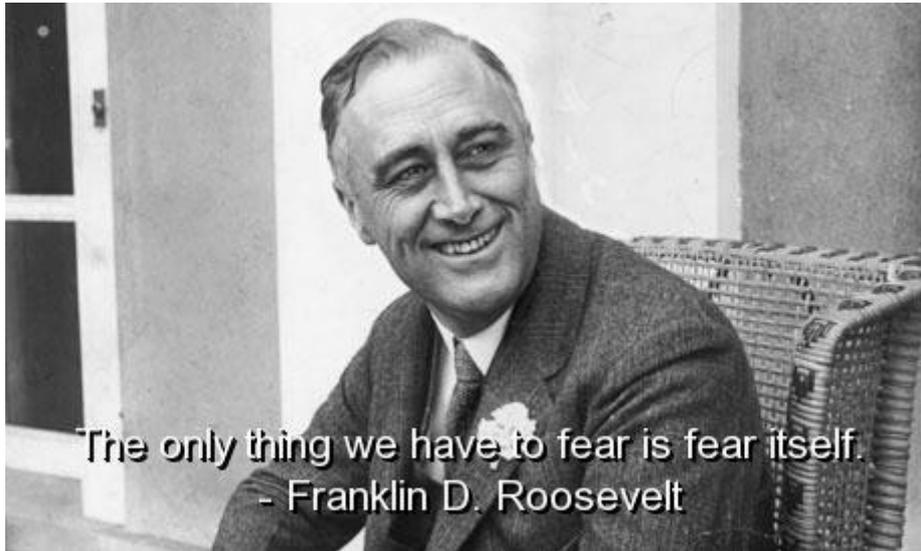
0. Keep Calm and Carry On - Story Preface

1. The War That Saved Ada's Life

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**4. Keep Calm and Carry On**



Franklin Delano Roosevelt was the President of the United States during the time of World War II. The Americans entered the war in 1941 and sided with England. Roosevelt's famous statement about fear helped many Americans face hard times during the war. The English government's Ministry of Information put up posters with sayings to help the English people during the war.

Ada and Susan saw one that said, "Your courage, your cheerfulness, your resolution, will help bring us victory."

1 Ada, Jamie and Susan learned to be cheerful even when food was scarce. They showed courage in helping wounded soldiers, and in keeping their resolution, or promise, to support the war effort until the end of World War II. They waited for victory, but before that happened, Mam came for Ada and Jamie and took them away from Susan.

When they were back in London Mam tried to control Ada like she once did. She beat Ada, threatened her and tried to make Ada feel like she was worthless. Ada understood that this was wrong. She knew Susan loved her for the girl she was. Susan urged her to believe in herself and believe in the goodness of others. Ada faced her fears to get away from Mam. With Jamie by her side, they tried to get back to Susan.

Ada soon found out that even in the most difficult times, she had to keep calm and carry on. "**Keep Calm and Carry On**" were the words on other posters put up by Ministry of Information during World War II. 2 Ada did not see that poster, but she put those words to work. The words mean that when life seems hard, try not to panic but follow your heart. That's what Ada did at the end of the book, *The War that Changed my Life*.



# KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON

The words, "Keep Calm and Carry On" are popular in American culture today. Many Americans use these words, as well as the words of Albert Einstein, Helen Keller and Franklin Delano Roosevelt to help them in difficult times. When you find yourself in a tough situation, think about the people you love and words that may help you. They might even save your life.

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