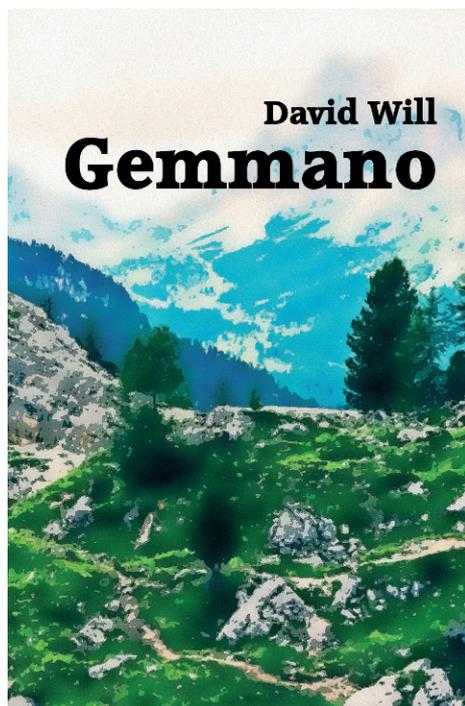


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Gemmano by David Will



Northern Italy, 1944: Gemmano is on the front lines of the battle for the Gothic Line, trapped between German occupation and the allied advance, as shell after shell rains down on the village.

Eighteen year old Toni Mazzanti has always been considered 'odd' by the villagers, but as the battle rages and he comes to terms with his personal and spiritual development, his talents come to be viewed as gifts.

With his new found confidence Toni increasingly emerges as a village leader, aided by Lorenzo Bergamas, a young Italian soldier returning from the Front.

Covering a period of ten days, Gemmano is a compelling and inspiring story of people caught powerless in their own land, told from the perspective of two young Italian men.

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His father fought with the London Scottish in the Gemmano campaign and this novel is based on a detailed diary he kept of the terrible fighting that went on over a period of two weeks.

The local Commune has also published a comprehensive account of the battle, and together with his father's diary, this has provided a rich source of material for David.



Quotes

David says, "I have spoken to witnesses of the battle during visits to the village, and was struck by the horror they felt being caught helpless as two foreign powers destroyed their village, and the shock of collectively becoming instant refugees in your own land. It is this which inspired the novel."

Seonaid Francis, Director of ThunderPoint adds, "With empathy and compassion David conveys the trauma experienced by the villagers as their homes were destroyed around them, and with a rare intimacy imparts a strong sense of the will to survive that brought them through the carnage of the battle."

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