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Children's War
Peter Bodo Gawenda
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A child has an ever growing and fascinating perspective on war as it changes the world around them. "The Children's War: Germany 1939-1949" is a unique memoir from Peter Bodo Gawenda as he reflects on his childhood in this period of German history. Born in 1937, he shares his earliest memories of a Germany on a rise to a super power, about a Reich that was understood even by the youngest to be something major. With his father drafted into the war machine early in his life, his perspective comes even more comprehensive. Thoughtful and intriguing reading, "The Children's War" is a fine pick and is very highly recommended.