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El noi de Sarajevo

the boy from Sarajevo



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Dusko's twelfth birthday is the last one he spends at home, because then the Balkan war comes into his life. A child of Sarajevo and a mixture of all the ethnicities of the region, Dusko celebrates his 13th, 14th and 15th birthdays amid a background of struggle, hatred, revenge and lies - between neighbours. After those years, nothing can go back to how it was before. Set during the war between Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, 'El noi de Sarajevo' goes beyond an account of war, and instead shows the profound impact it had on those who lived through it. It aims to portray the worries and hopes of a boy who is 12 years old at the outbreak of the war. At the end, when peace is apparently imposed and hell extinguished, he realises just how much he is a collateral victim of all that madness.

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