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Between 1939 and 1945 some 80,000 Finnish children were sent to Sweden, Denmark, and elsewhere, ostensibly to protect them from danger while their nation's soldiers fought superior Soviet and German forces. This was the largest of all World War II children's transports, and although acknowledged today as ""a great social-historical mistake"" it has received surprisingly little attention. This is the first Englishlanguage account of Finland's war children and their experiences, told through the survivors' own words. Supported by an extensive introduction, a bibliography of secondary sources, and over two dozen photographs, this book testifies to the often-lifelong traumas endured by youthful survivors of war