

*The Wedding Dress Sewing Circle* by Jennifer Ryan

Because clothing coupons are so limited, with silk and other similar fabrics being used first for parachutes and needs of the soldiers, there are few of the usual materials for wedding dresses. However, there are lots of weddings and a great demand for wedding dresses. Few of the traditional trappings of a wedding are available, but mending and reusing are strongly promoted. A resourceful group of women comes up with the idea of mending and reusing wedding dresses. They are so successful that they ask for donations of wedding dresses. The idea grows from their circle to many others. Based on true accounts, the book is very good at depicting what being caught in the middle of the London Blitz felt like to those on the ground. Also by this author (and recommended highly): *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir*.