

This is the story of a remarkable woman whose life spans almost a century. Joan Martin's adventures include driving a Mini over the mountains of Swaziland, plucking a bishop from Greek waters and being smuggled out of Australia on a New Zealand cargo ship.

As a junior doctor in London during the Blitz she experienced the greatest trauma of her life when she found herself caught up in the Bethnal Green shelter disaster in which 173 people were crushed to death.

Joan's many achievements include years of helping disabled children and their families as a doctor in Kensington, forming a swimming club for disabled people which she still runs, and becoming Guide Training Adviser for England. Throughout, she has been led and inspired by her Christian faith.

Joan's work has been recognised with an M.B.E., one of several awards she has received, but few even of her closest friends know the full account of her life or how much she has done to improve the lives of others across the world.



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Joan at home in March 2011,  
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